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#### New lower rate of income tax

A 20p rate of income tax to apply to the first £2,000 of taxable income. The 25p basic rate and the 40p higher rate are unchanged. Single person's tax allowance rises in line with inflation to £3,445. Age-related allowances also rise in line with inflation. Married couple's allowance (MCA) is frozen at £1,720. Wife to be entitled to all or part of the MCA. Threshold for higher tax frozen at £23,700.

Drinking and smoking Duty on alcohol rises in line with inflation putting 1p on a pint of beer, 5p on a bottle of wine and 28p on a bottle of spirit. A packet of

20 cigarettes goes up by 13p or 10 per cent, and five small cigars go up by 6p. Pipe tobacco up in line with inflation to 8p for 50 gram pack. Duty on matches and mechanical lighters abolished

Motoring and betting
Duty on unleaded petrol and diesel up by 4.5
per cent, adding 1.2p to a litre of unleaded
petrol. Duty on leaded petrol goes up by 7.5 per
cent, putting up the price of a litre by 2.3p.
Vehicle excise duty on cars rises by £10 to £110.
Duty frozen for most commercial vehicles.
Betting duty cut to 7.75 per cent.

Company cars

Scale charges on benefit of company cars and petrol for private use rise in line with inflation. Future scales to be based on price not engine size. New lower charge for diesel. Capital allowances on company cars raised from £8,000 to £12,000. No VAT payable where employee chooses company car instead of higher salary. Taxi, car hire firms and driving schools to be able to recover VAT on new cars.

#### **Business bills**

Capital allowances unchanged. Increases in business rates to be held at the rate of inflation.
Winners from 1990 business rate overhaul to get all their gains by 1993-4. New occupiers to benefit from transitional relief on business properties. Value-added tax accounting rules properties and penalties properties. eased and penalties waived on declarations of up to £2,000. Business expansion scheme scrapped from end of 1993. Film industry to get extra tax relief. New measures to help small firms by ensuring prompt payment of bills.

#### The nation's finances

The public sector borrowing requirement rises from £13.75 billion in 1991-2 (2.25 per cent of GDP) to £28 billion in 1992-3 (4.5 per cent of GDP), but is projected to £all to 0.75 per cent by 1996-7. Growth in £822 is forecast at 1 percent by the beginning of next year. The trade deficit is expected to widen from £4.5 billion in 1991 to £6.5 billion in 1992. Target range for narrow money (MO) is set at 0-4 per cent.

#### Saving and giving

Capital gains exempt limit increases in line with inflation to £5,800. Gift aid threshold for tax relief on single gifts to charities falls from £600 to £400. Ceiling on savings in Pep trusts rises from £3,000 to £6,000. No changes in ceilings for general or single company Peps.

#### Pensioners' incomes

Income support for poor pensioners increases from October by £2 a week for single people and £3 a week for couples.

#### Inheritance tax

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Most family business assets to be exempted from inheritance tax. Threshold for personal assets rises to £150,000.

#### New car tax halved Tax on new cars is halved to 5 per cent, wiping

£400 off the price of the average new car.

#### The Budget to move

Budget and autumn statement to be brought together in single announcement in December from 1993. White paper issued on the change.

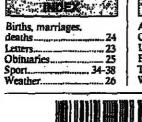
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**Bush popularity dips** 

President Bush's decline in popularity deep ened yesterday as Americans voted on the biggest day of the primary campaign. An opinion poll in *The Washington Post* registered for the first time that either of the two Democrat front-runners, Bill Clinton or Paul Tsongas, could defeat him. White House aides were concerned at Mr Bush's 9 per cent fall in popularity, while his right-wing rival, Pat Buchanan, hinted that he might not back the president in November if Rich Bond remains Republican party chairman......

#### Bomb disrupts trains

A small bomb which exploded yesterday in a trackside signalling cabinet near Wandsworth Bridge station, south London, could disrupt commuter trains for a week. No one was hurt and the bomb caused little damage, but the box was destroyed and signalling circuitry scattered over the track. The bomb is the eleventh on railway lines or trains in the IRA's present



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Lamont hopes new 20p tax rate will be a vote-winner

# Budget for the workers aims to boost recovery



Boxing clever: Norman Lamont leaving for the Commons yesterday with his wife, Rosemary, and William Hague, his parliamentary private secretary

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

A NEW income tax band of 20p in the pound for the first £2,000 of taxable income was the highlight of Norman Lamont's Budget yesterday, the last before the general election.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer presented a dense package of mostly small measures, giving away £1.6 billion after tax, compared with City expectations of £3 billion.

in measures that Mr Lamont proclaimed as a "Budget for recovery", he targeted the low-paid and small businesses, presenting proposals to ease the transition to the uniform business rate and relaxing the VAT regime. The Chancellor also announced that public borrowing would be doubled this year to account for lower tax receipts and increased spending on social security.

However, despite wide expectation that the basic rate of income tax would be cut, Mr Lamont said it would remain at 25p in the pound.

In a surprise opening to his speech, Mr Lamout amounced that this would be the penultimate March Budget, and that from 1993 there would be a combined spending and taxation statement each December.

Conservative MPs believed that Mr Lamont had achieved the government's aim of underlining the difference between Labour and the Conservatives on tax policy without alarming his own party's more rigorous monetarists or trightening the

Giving his first reaction in the Commons, Neil Kinnock said it was "borrowing for bribes" and
"a panic stricken pre-election
sweetener". Labour made it
clear yesterday that it would
vote against the lower tax band when a finance bill is intro-duced later this week. A spokesman said: "We reject it and we will vote against it. It's still borrowing for tax cuts, just dressed up in different clothes because our attack had been so

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Labour considers that the Budget proposals give it £1.8 billion to carve up and parcel out when it produces its own spending plans next week However, ministers believe that Labour has been trapped into voting against tax cuts which will benefit the lower paid in particular, notably many of the election-swinging skilled working class "C2" group.

Alan Beith, economic spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, said that the government had spent nearly £2 billion on a cheap electoral trick", pretending it had cut income tax by 5p when it had not done so. More people would have been taken out of tax, he said, by increasing

Tory MPs were alarmed at the size of the borrowing refrement, but even those oon the right wing of the party conceded that the Chancellor had had little option but to increase borrowing to pay for his tax cuts. They said it was unthinkable to cut social pro-grammes, which was the alternative, and others dubbed it a \*socialist Budget".

Although some Tory MPs feared that an ingenious "bits and pieces" Budget might lack overall impact, ministers believed Mr Lamont's package, which will benefit 21 million taxpayers with a minimum £2.64 per week and which will ensure that four million people only pay tax at the new 20p rate, would be sufficient to give the government's election campaign some much-needed momentum. They hope it will put

polls. The election is expected to be called for April 9 either

Mr Lamont said it was not the occasion to make "an ill-judged attempt to kick-start demand". Although he eschewed dramatic tax cuts, he halved car tax and promised increases in income support funds for the elderly.

His proposals were clearly designed to win back traditions er, the home secretary, said: "It was a C2 budget". Ministers believe that the measures on the uniform business rate will be popular with hard-hit small businesses in the South-East,



and that the car tax cut will help them hold onto the votes of motor industry workers in the Midlands. The government also believes that part-time women workers will be particularly pleased with the introduction of the new tax band and the elderly will approve of extra support for

Sir Peter Tapsell, a Conserva-tive MP who is sometimes critical of his party's Budget, said: "This is politically astute. There is plenty here for small businesses and the changes on inheritance tax will please farmers. It cannot easily be attacked

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# £28bn borrowing reflects impact of the recession

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

THE full measure of the dam- omists had expected, Treasury age done to Britain's government finances by the recession dent that their forecasts of a ment finances by the recession was revealed yesterday when the Treasury forecast a doubling of the public sector borrowing requirement to £28 billion in the next financial year. The PSBR figure was much bigger than City analysis and private economists had predicted, despite the Chancellor's unexpectedly frugal decision to limit his tax

giveaways to £1.5 billion. The Treasury's estimate that public borrowing was set to rise to £26.5 billion even before the tax cuts reflected a massive fall in tax revenues from companies and individuals hit by recession, as well as a big increase in public spending announced in last November's autumn statement. The dismal PSBR outlook, which compared with private sector forecasts of around £23 billion, went a long way to explain the limited scale of the tax cuts announced in the Budget and the absence of any firm indications of further tax cuts in the years ahead.

The very large deficit in Brit-ain's public finances was the only important surprise in the Treasury's official economic forecasts, which presented an otherwise favourable picture of sharply declining inflation and accelerating growth. The fore-casts suggested that economic recovery had begun already or would begin in the next quarter and that the pace of growth would accelerate to an annual rate of around 3 per cent in the second half of this year. Infla-tion would continue falling, to 4 per cent by the end of 1992 and 3 per cent in the middle of 1993.

Although the Budget contained fewer measures to boost the economy than private econ-

recovery would be fulfilled. They noted that the Chancellor had boosted public expenditure by over £6 billion in his autumn statement and that the political uncertainty which had been holding back investment would soon be resolved.

Despite the economic recov-ery expected from the first half of this year onwards, the Chancellor said that unemployment would continue rising for some time and any sustained reduc-tion would depend on sustaining the fight against inflation. the government's over-riding

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Mikhail Baryshnikov, Russian ballet dancer extraordinaire. starts touring this week with his modern dance company

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# Driver faces triple murder charge

A VAN driver is to be charged with the murder of three young girls killed after being abducted between 1982 and 1986, the Crown Prosecution Service said."

Robert Black, aged 44, has been summonsed to appear before magistrates in Newcastle upon Tyne on May 7, charged with killing Susan Maxwell, aged 11, Caroline Hogg, aged five and Sarah Harper, aged 10. The charges follow one of the biggest police operations ever seen in Britain, involving

officers from five forces. Susan Maxwell vanished while on her way home from a game of tennis in Coldstream, Northumberland, in July 1982. She had been out of sight for less than two minutes. Her body was found a month later







Victims: (from left) Susan, Caroline and Sarah

Uttozeter, Staffordshire. Caroline Hogg went missing the following year while on her way to a fair in Portobello area of Ed-

inburgh. Ten days later her na-ked body was found in a yards from her home. roadside ditch in Twycross. Black, who was h

from the Trent in Nottinghamshire six weeks after she was abducted in March 1986 while on an errand to buy a loaf of bread from a corner shop 200

Black, who was born in Grangemouth, Scotland, will also be charged with kidnapping Theresa Thornhill, aged 15, in April 1988. She was alle-

gedly bundled into a car in

caped unhurt.

The development follows one of the largest computerised murder hunts launched in Britain. Police fed details of more than 185,000 people, 54,470 statements and 53,000 followup enquries into the Holmes

Radford, Nottingham, but es-

Black moved to London from Scotland some 20 years ago, settling in Stamford Hill, north

The Crown Prosecution Service said in a statement that it had "decided to prosecute Robert Black in connection with the murder of three girls and the kidnapping of a fourth girl be-tween 1982 and 1988. Summonses have been issued today by Newcastle upon Type magistrates court and will be returnable on 7th May 1992.

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Leicestershire, nearly 300 miles away.

The body of Sarah Harper, a Salvation Army choirgirl, from Morley, Leeds, was recovered

# IRA bomb threatens week of rail disruption

COMMUTER train services on one of the main lines into London could be disrupted for up to a week after a small bomb exploded yesterday by the track in south London and knocked out signalling equipment. A slow service was restored and the service will be restricted for days.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said the bomb was the work of the IRA. The attack near Wandsworth Bridge station is the 11th on railway lines or trains in the present bombing campaign.

#### Mackay tipped to step down

By Frances Gibb

SPECULATION is mounting in legal circles that Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would step down in the aftermath of an election victory by the Conservatives, after nearly five years as head of the judiciary and Speaker of the House of

Lord Mackay, who will be 65 in July, is understood to wish to spend more time with his wife and family and to return to Edinburgh. It is thought that he thight step down within two or three months of the Conservatives vinning the election.

The leading contenders to succeed him if the Conservatives win are Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, (although he is also tipped to be governor of Hong Kong) and Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, currently Attorney-general. Another possibility would be a senior judge, such as Lord Justice. judge, such as Lord Justice Woolf. If Labour wins, frontrunners are Lord Irvine of Lairg and Peter Archer, QC.

Yesterday's bomb, thought to be under a pound of explosive, was in an electrical signalling cabinet 400 yards from Wandsworth Common station. It exploded just after 7am causing little damage. Westminster hospital received a warning of a bomb at the station at 6.28am and the area had been cleared.

Trains were diverted from Victoria to London Bridge during the incident. Some services will continue to run to and from London Bridge

for the time being.

Locals were woken by what one called a tremendous explosion from the trackside junction box close to a footbridge. There was no apparent damage to the lines but the box was destroyed and signalling circuitry and other debris was scattered over the track. Police sealed off the common and closed roads and searched the track and the area around the footbridge.

Chris Jago, Network SouthEast divisional director, said the telephone warn-ing had said that the bomb was at Wandsworth Common station. In fact the device had been planted half a mile up

"We may have more problems than we first thought," Mr Jago said. "However, using hand signalling we should be able to allow four trains along this line each hour. Cables have been ripped up by the blast and there is substantial damage which will take more than a week to repair."

At peak times more than 20 trains an hour use the line's four tracks. Mr Jago saids "The blast has completely destroyed a signalling cupboard and damaged two others too badly to keep them working.

He said there would be a further security review as a result of the attack. "Our security is at a very high level now anyway," he added. He admitted that little could be done about securing isolated







Taking the strain: weary passengers waiting at Liverpool Street station after the disruption caused by the bomb, and the junction box destroyed in the explosion near Wandsworth Common station

# First solicitor to head fraud office

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

GEORGE Staple, a City solicitor with the country's biggest law firm, Clifford Chance, and treasurer of the Law Society, has been ap-pointed the next director of the Serious Fraud Office, the first solicitor to hold the post.

Mr Staple, aged 51, who faces the task of reforming the way the legal system handles complex fraud. succeeds Barbara Mills, QC, appointed the next Director of Public ed the next Director of Public Prosecutions. He takes up the post on April 21. He is little known outside legal circles except in his role as solicitor for the accountants Price Waterhouse, advising the four sequestrators of the miners' assets in 1985 to 1986 throughout the strike.

Philip Ely, president of the Law Society, said it was an inspired choice. "I am delighted that a solicitor has been apointed to this crucial position. He will bring to it a great depth of commercial and litigation experience."

Nigel Fox Bassett, senior partner at Clifford Chance, said the firm was delighted at the appointment, although sorry to lose one of its senior litigation partners. "He has all the right qualities for this very demanding job," Mr Fox Bassett said. "He is very likeable and he has sound judgment and a cool head. He combines firmness of approach with being fair, and that should all stand him in good stead."

Mr Staple, who is a legal ssessor to the Stock Exchange Disciplinary Committee and a companies act inspector, has a long back-ground in City litigation and

white collar crime. He is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and from 1987 to 1991 was chairman of the Authorisation and Disciplinary Tribunal of the Securities Association. He is a: chairman of the authorisation and disciplinary appeal tribunal of the Securities and

Futures Authority. He has been on the Law Society council since 1986 and served on various committees including its insolvencasework committee and

its international committee. Mr Staple's appointment. after open advertisement and interviews, is one of the most senior legal post to be chosen in this way and was particularly welcomed as a boost to solicitors. Mr Ely said he hoped more solicitors would be appointed to "these important public and judicial: posts" and that a "more open system of appointment will now continue".

#### List opens to fight **Amos seat**

By PETER DAVENPORT

TORY party officers in the Northumberland constituen-cy of Alan Amos, the MP who resigned after being cautioned by police for alleged indecency with another man, said yesterday they expected to announce the name of their new candidate within two

The market town of Hexham is the safest Conservative seat in the North-East. with a majority of 8,066 over the Liberals in 1987, and there is expected to be a rush of applications, which have to be with the constituency party by the weekend. They will be studied by the 12-strong selection committee which will draw up a short list for interviews. Three potential candidates will then be presented to the executive coun-

to fight the seat. Yesterday Rosemary Barkes, chairman of Hexham Conservative Association, said the party was not panick-ing and insisted that the incident would not do any long term damage. She said: "We hope to complete the whole process by the end of next week. We are not in chaos as the beadlines suggest. We are all calm and this. We have a very strong

Mr Amos, a bachelor aged 39. announced his resignation on Monday after it was disclosed that he and another man were cautioned by police but not charged over the incident at on Hampstead Heath, north London.

team and we can cope.

#### Death fall

A refugee who fled Iraq after being tortured in military prisons may have jumped to his death from a tower block in Acton, west London, because of Home Office delays over his application to stay in Britain, Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, was told yesterday. He adjourned the inquest on Shant Yousif Petrossian, aged 26, an Armenian, until later this month.

Weapons deal Britain has decided to stay a

partner in a multi-billion pound European anti-tank weapon programme, despite previous serious misgivings. Last autumn, Britain warned its French and German partners that it might pull out. The new, long-range Trigat weapon came under scrutiny during the government's Op-tions for Change defence review and there were suggestions that it be scrapped.

Parliament today 🕟 Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and Industry. Continuation of debate on the

Lords (2.30): Liberal Democrat debates on constitutional reform and on Britain's rivers, coasts and beaches.

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#### Health regions vow target will be met

By JEREMY LAURANCE AND RAY CLANCY

THIRTEEN of the 14 English health regions say that they expect to have treated all patients who have been on hospital waiting lists for more than two years by the government's deadline of the end of this month.

A survey by The Times suggests that, with three weeks to go, only a handful of patients will remain to be treated after

> to wait longer than two years for treatment after 31 March At the end of January, the stood at just over 20,000, down from 50,000 in March 1991. Hospitals have been treating record numbers of patients from their two-year lists by holding extra clinics at

the deadline in these regions.

The exception is North East Thames, which is negotiating

a three-month extension to

the end of June for its plastic

surgery patients. At the end of

January, North East Thames

had 2,160 patients who had waited over two years for plas-

tic surgery.
Under the patient's char-

ter, the government guaran-tees that no patient will have

evenings and weekends.
Of the regions with more than 1,000 people on the twoyear waiting list at the end of January, South Western, with 1,844 on its books, said these would be cleared by March; South East Thames (2,487 patients) said that "virtually all" patients have been given admission dates before the end of March; and Oxford (1.606 patients) said that all but 56, who had said a date for treatment before March was inconvenient, expected to

North West Thames (2,395 patients) said that 97 per cent had been given admission dates before March 31; and West Midlands (2,232 patients) expected to hit the target deadline.

#### Lack of care 'contributed to deaths of patients' suicide attempt not covered

A LACK of support for seven mentally ill men discharged from psychiatric hospitals into the community in Oxford contributed to their deaths, an independent enquiry says today.

The patients were nearly all

suffering from major psychoses. Three took their own lives and an open verdict was recorded by the coroner on the four others.

Six of them, who died between July 1990 and July 1991, had just been or were about to be moved from the Warneford or Littlemore hospitals. Sustained efforts were made to find the most able placements "but the right arrangement was not always available and care plans did not always meet the situation", the enquiry report

Four were discharged, or about to be discharged, to "isolated individual accommodation which would appear to have been a major factor contributing to the fi-

nal phase for them".

Paul Merrell, aged 24, hanged himself in his room at Littlemore hospital last March with his belt. After several months in the hospital he had been discharged to live in a housing association flat but had returned to Littlemore on a voluntary basis. He had been accepted to read geography at Newcastle University but had been diag-

nosed as schizophrenic. Paul McPherson, aged 22, and also diagnosed schizophrenic, was found dead in the garage at his parents'

Concern over the policy of care in the community has been raised by an enquiry into the

deaths of mental patients, writes Jeremy Laurance

home while on Christmas leave from Littlemore. He had taken a large quantity of paracetamol. In another case, Tristan Watkins, aged 39, a voluntary patient at Warne-ford, was found drowned last July while off hospital Shortage of resources in-

charge patients and the "excellent" after-care policy was not always strictly followed, says the report, by Vivyenne Rubinstein, a lay member of Oxfordshire regional health authority. Staff were generous in their commitment but "several times in the notes doctors apologise for not being able to take a particular patient because of the pressure on their facili-

More sheltered housing with support from community staff was needed, the report says, and more admission beds should be opened so that people can be more readily admitted to hospital when necessary and discharges can

be more gradual.

An additional internal review of the care provided by the hospitals, which considered an extra death and a

by the enquiry, also highied the shortage of admission beds. The level of nursing staff was "barely adequate", the review by Profes-sor Gethin Morgan of Bristol University says.
Oxfordshire health authority said that it had allocated

an extra £330,000 to hire more murses and open more admission beds. The authority said that its discharge policy "will be developed fur-ther" and extra sheltered accommodation would be provided "when resources

Mind, said: "Oxfordshire's psychiatric services fail to meet acceptable standards of humane and effective care. Mrs Rubinstein's criticisms reveal a hospital-based service still largely institutional and often limited in the individual and personal help it can offer."

The father of one of the men who died accused the hospital authority of deviousness in holding a press con-ference on the report on Budget day. Maurice Fizzmaurice of Boars Hill, Oxford, whose 18-year-old son threw himself to his death from the top of a multi-storey car park, said the authority had produced a damage limitation exercise

"Families and the public want to see full findings and know how shortcomings in the 12 areas of recommendation contributed to the tragic deaths of our loved ones," he

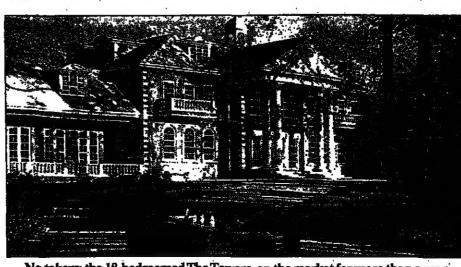
# Secret agents opt for £25m soft sell

BY RACHEL KELLY

A PUBLICITY-SHY estate agent has been discovered in Hampstead. In what is be-lieved to be one of the first cases of its kind, the agency is keeping quiet about the fact that it is handling the sale of The Towers, a newly built £25 million house which generated probably more column inches of estate agency gush than any house on the market.

More than a year and no buyers later, the agency, Bargets, has decided that the hard sell has not worked for the palatial Queen Anne-style house off The Bishops Avenue, in Hampstead, known by some as Millionaires' Row. Punters have been more interested in a voyeuristic spin round the property than in signing a

Now the softly-softly ap proach has been adopted. Since Christmas, when Bargets took over the sale from Savills, not a whisper has been breathed to the press that the house being sold by three builders was once the toast of the tabloids as the "largest new house to be built in London this centu-



No takers: the 18-bedroomed The Towers, on the market for more than a year

ry". Bargets said: "We have decided not to talk to the press about this property."

Building finished nearly two years ago after a tortu-ous planning history. At one stage it seemed that the house might have to be demolished before completion.

It was originally intended for a Middle Eastern buyer, and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia was mentioned. But the Gulf war stopped that. More recently, the Hong Kong businessman Dickson Poon,

who bought Harvey Nichols, was said to be interested. Despite Bargets's new ap-

proach, there is not yet a buyer for the house, set in two and a half acres with an indoor swimming pool, a squash court, a banqueting hall, a steam room, a sauna and a garage for 12 cars. There are 18 bedrooms, each with en suite bathrooms, infra-red alarm systems, video entry telephone, fax lines. sound-proofed floor in the main bedrooms, an air-con-

ditioned basement, ornate plaster work, panelling and cornices, pressure jet fountains, a lodge house and a gazebo. Other features in-clude a garden with a tennis court, a pond, waterfalls, fountains and room for up to 50 cars on the forecourt.

The house has joined what agents call "trophy proper-ties" in London for which buyers have not been found.

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at jail, judge says

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE mother and baby unit outdoor exercise for about tables and fibre. Play materiat Holloway jail is condemned as squalid, gloomy and infested with cockroaches and ants in a report on the

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The conditions in the which is sited below an area for mentally disturbed prisonance caused frustration for women and prevented mothers putting their babies on the floor, the report says. 200 May 1

'Although a mursery is to open later this month, the chief inspector of prisons report is also critical of conditions in the 91 bed hospital at the north London jail. 'Judge Tumim's report also

expresses concern at the poli-cy of separating babies from mothers when they are nine months old and says that if should take place before six

He describes the mother and baby unit, which has facilities for 23 pregnant cent of pregnant inmates were smokers. Their diet was and relying on artificial lighting. "Women had access to

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one and a half hours a day, als for young babies were although in warm weather limited and there were no this was extended. The area outside the unit was littered with rubbish, including food scraps thrown out of the windows above. This had con-tributed to infestation by cockroaches and ants, both indoors and outside. The unit's association area and the storage room for baby

play equipment were both in-fested." the report says: The result, it says, was frus-tration and squalor for both mothers and babies. "Mothers would not put their babies on the floor. We were told You will not see a single baby crawling here." adds the re-port of his inspection, which was carried out in April and May last year.

One in seven of the babies born while mothers were in jail were found to weigh less than 5.5lb and around 90 per

classes on parent craft and child development.

Judge Tumim says that separating babies from their mothers when they were nine months distressed women and unset the staff and in

played suicidal symptoms.

The report also criticises visiting facilities, the timing of meals and the lack of ment. It: does, however, add that there have been improvements in the treatment of inmates during the past five

The report calls for a purpose-built visitors' centre to replace facilities that it says are small, poorly designed and lack natural light or ventilation. Judge Tumim is backing plans to create a "Friends of London Prisons" organisation to provide funding to improve visiting areas. He also calls for a change

in meal times after finding that the "evening" meal was served at 3pm on a weekday and 2.45pm at weekends. The report describes concern that there was only one women at senior manage-ment level in the jail. It says: The failure to attract women

governors may be because Holloway is considered to be a disturbed and unhappy establishment." Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said that the opening of the nursery wing would meet a number of the report's findings but added that

shortage of funds was stop-

ping the building of a visitors' Another report, published yesterday by the health department, recommends that crèches and an improved diet should be provided in mother and baby units at Holloway. Askham Grange open prison, near York, and Styal prison near Wilmslow, Cheshire. It also calls for a more even

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

spread of units throughout the country, more space for nurseries, improved bathroom facilities and better eleeping arrangements.



Snookered: Susan Thompson says officials do not want a woman at the top

#### Pool player 'barred by sex'

SUSAN Thompson, a full-time pool player, was in-vited to apply to join the game's professionals and then rejected because she was a woman, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Since then pool chiefs had continually blocked her attempts to join the profes-sional circuit, Miss

Thompson, aged 22, told the hearing.
She had won dozens of amateur titles and regularly beaten top male players, she told the tribunal in Leeds, where she is claiming sexual discrimination

against the Professional Pool Players' Organisation. She said that the body re-jected her applications jected her" applications while granting professional status to dozens of less talented men. "It's disgusting. They have one rule for women and another for men," she added.

Lo 1987 she had won the Great Yarmouth Men's

Great Yarmouth Men's Open tournament, she said. beating Greg Farran, the country's number two pro-fessional, in the process. Miss Thompson, of Run-corn, Cheshire, said that afterwards a senior PPPO

Archbishop of Canterbury rebuffs mission to Jews

advised her to apply for professional status. However, her application, and others made every year until 1991, were rejected because officials did not want a woman breaking into the sport, she claimed.

official approached her and

Miss Thompson, who is unemployed, took up the sport at 15 and spends up to eight hours a day in prac-tice. She said that while professionals could earn over 13,000 at top events she could only take about £200 from contests on the amateur circuit.

#### Bank man 'tricked into nude pictures'

A BANK'S chief accountant was enticed into posing for nude pictures after work by a woman who also secretly photographed the layout and security system, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Marion Deeprasert persuaded Nicos Pierides, chief accountant at the Bank of Cyprus, to take her into his branch in east London for "fun" pictures. Nicholas Hilliard, for the prosecution, told the court

Mr Pierides posed partly clothed and later naked for photographs taken in his manager's office.

A few weeks later Ms Deeprasen lured the 49-yearold married father of two to a friend's flat by promising a massage and sex. When they were inside, "a tall black man burst in and approached Mr Pierides with handcuffs. She went to help the intruder, but the bank official fought them off and they escaped", Mr Hilliard said.

Ms Deeprasert and a man alleged to have been the intruder were arrested at the flat the following month, he said. Both were charged with affray and possession of a shotgun "but she has not appeared for her trial".

Junior McDonald, aged 32, a salesman from Dagenham, Essex, denies both charges. The prosecution alleges that negatives of photo-graphs taken in the bank were found on Mr

Mr Pierides, who said that he met Ms Deeprasert, aged 31, through a mutual friend, told the jury: "I told her I worked at the bank in Camberwell. She asked to go there for a coffee. Unformnately I agreed. Two weeks later she again suggested we went to the bank - she wanted to get some fun photographs of me in the bank."

He said that he had worked for the bank for 22 years but had now lost his job. Asked whether he found Ms Deeprasert attractive, Mr Pierides replied: "Not to the extent to lose my job or my family for." He was a keyholder at the bank but could not have opened the safe alone, he

The trial continues today

#### Gas chief 'scared' of woman manager

THE senior manager claiming compensation from Brit-ish Gas for alleged sexual discrimination after being demoted from her £45,000 a year job yesterday said her boss admitted he was fright-

ened of her. Hilary Williams, aged 48 told an industrial tribunal in west London that the comment was made by Tony Roddis, the southwest re-gion's marketing director, in talks about her future. At the time, she said, she was regional marketing sales man-ager and Mr Roddis had suggested she apply for a job in Somerset as district manger. "I said that would never happen because the operational director for that district didn't like women. Mr Roddis replied: 'He is only fright-

ened of you like I am'."
Ms Williams said she had expected to be confirmed in her post in spite of the knowledge that a big reorganisation was under way at British Gas. Instead, she said, the post was advertised and she was relegated to a lower

Ms Williams said she had been head-hunted by British Gas in 1983 and once had turned a £750,000 loss in a customer services deparment into a £750,000 profit. The case continues today.

#### Man for retrial

Joseph Nelson-Wilson, aged 34, who is accused of murdering his stepdaughter by electrocuting her, is to have a retrial after a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday failed to reach a verdict after a three week trial. Mr Nelson-Wilson, of Southwark, south London, is alleged to have killed Martina Pran, aged 14, to prevent her disclosing incidents of sexual abuse.

#### Sea case halted Greenpeace, the environment

group, has abandoned its action to obtain a judicial review of the National Rivers Authority for allegedly failing to control pollution of the Irish Sea at Albright and Wilson's phosphate processing plant in Cumbria, which is now to be closed. The authority is refusing to agree to the proceedings being stopped without full payment of its costs. .

#### Science 'waste'

International competition to develop big scientific projects could be wasting resources, Alan Howarth, the science minister, said in Paris. The world could not afford "to build in parallel huge accelerators, satellites and fusion devices", he told a meeting of science ministers at the Org-anisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. More co-ordination of projects was needed.

# Banana dispute puts skids under single market

WHERE BRITAIN GETS ITS BANANAS

Britain finds itself on the side of the protectionists as its former colonies oppose the removal of quotas that would give EC consumers access to cheap bananas from central America, writes Michael Hornsby

AN INTENSE ideological and commercial conflict over bananas is blocking the completion of the European Community's single market, straining relations with developing countries and could deliver the final blow to fading hopes of a new world

After four years of vain effort, the EC is still struggling to reconcile its commitment to free trade with longstanding pledges to protect the privileged access to its market of banana-growing countries in Africa and the Caribbean. The dispute pits free-market ideologues against aid philanthropists, sleepy French and British dependencies and ex-colonies against high-tech central American plantations, and the small, sweet, thin-skinned community preference" banana against the large "dol-

· Last year, EC consumers ate 3.2 million tonnes of bananas. About 35 per cent were from the Canary Islands, Madeira, Crete, Guadeloupe and Martinique, or from former European colonies in Africa and the Caribbean. Three out of four of the 478,000 tonnes of bananas earen in Britain came from the Windward Islands, Jamaica, Surinam, Belize, Cameroon, Martinique and Guadeloupe. The shortfall in supply was made up with "dollar" fruit from Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama

In a straight commercial fight, the Caribbean, hampered by small farms, poor soil hilly terrain and periodic hurricanes, fears that it would be swept aside by a flood of low-cost produce from the central American fieldoms of United States corporations such as Chiquita and Del Monte. Britain, France and Spain use a combination of duties, licences and quotas to limit the entry of dollar bananas. As a result, bananas cost about 50p a lb in British shops, more than twice as

much as in America and about 20 per cent more than in Germany, which imports vast quantities of the cheaper dollar fruit.

If bananas are included in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, import quotas would have to be replaced by gradually shrink-ing tariffs. Dame Eugenia Charles, prime minister of Dominica, the largest of the Windward Islands, maintains that there is no level of tariff that could provide sufficient protection. Dame Eugenia, who visited London last week to plead her cause, says: "The multinationals could lower their prices and accept losses for three years, by which time they would have captured the entire market."

The United States, as well as banana free-traders in the EC, such as Germany and The Netherlands, want quo-tas to go. Whatever happens in Gatt, Britain and France will no longer be able to stop dollar bananas entering their countries through Germany after the EC's internal frontier controls come down next January, unless Germany

agrees to curtail its imports. The Caribbean lobby argues that a free market would mean less choice for consumers and bigger profits for the multinationals, without any guarantee of lower shop prices. That argument fails to impress Stephen Locke, di-rector of the Consumer Association's policy unit. He says: "It is quite wrong that a development aid policy should be funded by an arbi-

trary impost on consumers." John Gummer, the agriculture minister, argues that Britain is morally bound to protect its traditional suppliers. There is sympathy for this view in the Foreign Office and the Overseas Development Administration, but free-traders in the trade and industry department are worried that insistence on protecting traditional suppliers could scupper what little chance remains for a new

THE Archbishop of Canter-bury has refused to become

patron of a missionary society founded to take the Christian gospel to Jewish people. Dr George Carey is the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 150 years to mm down the parronage of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews (CMJ). Dr Carey says that because the focus of CMJ

work is directed entirely to-wards another faith, a formal association is unlikely to help his efforts to build up trust.
Rightly or wrongly, he says,
many Jewish people "do not
believe that CMJ respects" their integrity".

The archbishop's decision

was welcomed last night by members of the Jewish community. Dr Carey was also praised by members of the Church of England working to improve relations between

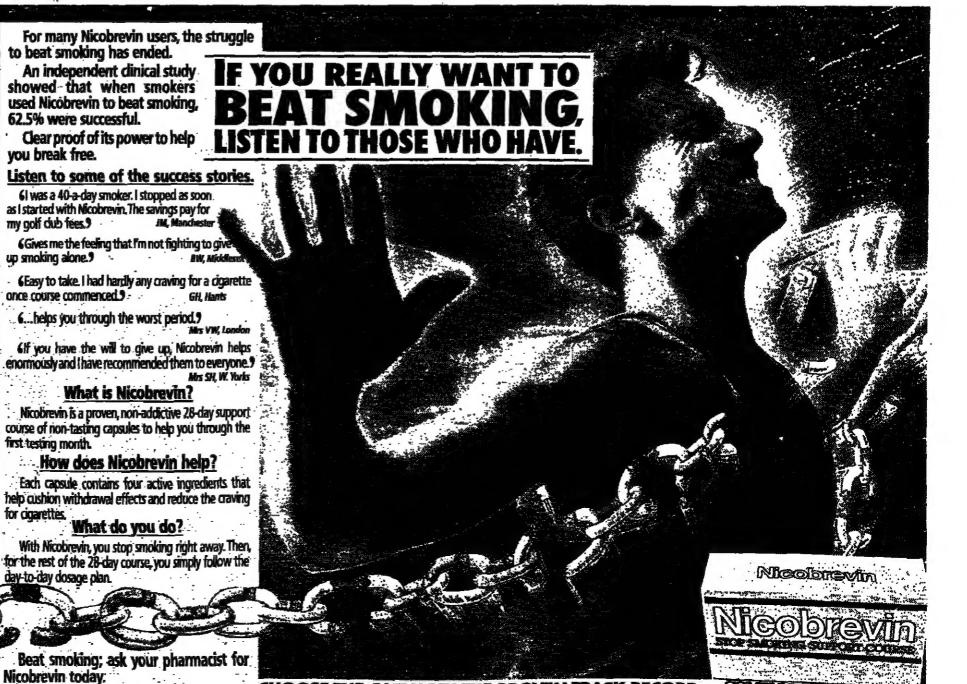
Christians and Jews. The decision is significant in the light of increasing tensions between different faiths as the Christian Decade of Evangelism moves into its second year. Although the decision has brought criticism from the church's evangelical wing the archbishop will be seen as standing by his commitment not to pinpoint members of other laiths for conversion during the

In a letter to the Rev Jos Drummond, secretary of the CMJ, Dr Carey says "I know this decision will come as a surprise to many people whorecognise my commitment to evangelism. That commitment remains." But alongside it stands a commitment "to do all in my power to encourage trust and friendship between the different faith communities in our

Mr Drummond said he

The Rev Tony Higton, a member of the CMJ council who has led the campaign in the church against interfaith worship, said the decision was a shameful berrayal of CMJ, particularly in its difficult work in Israel, and a grave undermining of the

cause of the gospel". A spokeswoman for the Council of Christians and Jews welcomed the news.



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#### Saab shows how motorists will swap steering wheel for aircraft-style controls

# Tomorrow's car driven with joystick

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

FOR the driver of the future. here will be no need to climb behind the steering wheel of the car - because there willnot be one, according to experts at Saab.

Engineers from the Swed-ish manufacturer yesterday unveiled a car controlled by a joystick, similar to those used in aircraft. Instead of turning a bulky steering wheel three salon perform the big Saab saloon perform the tightest manouevre, the driver simply flicks the joystick to one side.

The Saab is the first car to use the same steer-by-wire electronic system which is controlling some of the world's most sophisticated aircraft. Saab is a leading manufacturer of fighter air-craft and has transerred the technology of the air to one of its 9000 series executive sa-loons to show how driving will change in the next

Messages from the joystick are beamed to a small on-board computer which then tells the wheels how much to turn. In the left-hand drive prototype on show, the driver holds the joystick in the right hand. Apart from the ease of use, the driver also has a better view of the dashboard display of fuel gauges and speed dials which are normally obscured by the circle of a steering wheel.

Sazb's engineers also believe that the system would have the safety benefit of removing the large obstruction of a steering wheel which faces the driver in a head-on crash. Per Branneby, the se-nior technician heading the project, said that although

matic gearbox, an electronically controlled gearbox could be added with a flick switch on the joystick which would allow the driver to change gear. He said: "It may be alarm-

ing for someone seeing the car being driven for the first time as you cannot tell how it is being operated. But the joystick has been designed with safety in mind, with the steering system totally con-trolled by computer.

"By putting a joystick to one side of the driver, we cut out the steering column which often causes injury in normal accidents. There is also the advantage that the gauges and controls can be arranged so they can be more easily looked at with no steering wheel to hide them."
Saati developed the joystick as its contribution to the pan-

European Prometheus project, which includes about 12 manufacturers, including Ford and Jaguar from Brit-ain, dedicated to discovering and then sharing the benefits of new techology.
The Prometheus team says

that many of its discoveries, such as night sights, which help drivers see through thick prevent cars from crashing into the one in front, will be available on production cars by the middle of the decade.

The steer-by-wire system could also be available soon although Saab says it will be ten to 15 years before a joy-stick is available because of the possible resistance of drivers more familiar with the



Safe hands: the left-hand drive Saab 9000 with joystick control and improved visibility

#### Minister's retriever shot by farmer

DAVID Trippier, the junior environment minister, yesterday called a farmer who shot his dog a "hillbilly".

Mr Trippier's dog, Jei, a 14-month-old black retriever, vanished from his home in Holcombe, Lancashire, two weeks ago. Its body was found at the weekend dumped on top of several sheep carcasses.

Neil Edmondson, the farm-er, who has lost 150 sheep in the last year, said Jer had been worrying his flock. He said that the dog wore no collar or tag and that he had reported the shooting to

Mr Trippier said: "All dogs should be collared and tagged — that's my department's responsibility and my dog certainly was. This hill-billy attitude is absolutely scandalous. Jet would never have worried sheep. If Mr Edmondson had called it, it would have come. It was very

"It was still only a pup but it was the finest dog I'd over had. Mr Edmondson shot it first and asked questions later. He never gave it a

#### Man hit by train crawls 300 yards

A MAN whose foot was severed when he was hit by an InterCity express hopped and crawled over three 5ft gates, a fence and a thorn hedge to seek help. It took him 90 minutes to cover the 300 yards from the scene of the accident to a farmhouse.

Yesterday Billy Gallagher. aged 46, from Leeds, was said to be "comfortable" in Harrogate hospital after a two-hour operation in which the remainder of his right leg was amputated below the knee.

North Yorkshire police said: "It's amazing how this man managed to drag himself to the farmhouse. At some stages he appears to have hopped onto one leg to get over the gates. There was blood everywhere."

British Rail is investigating the incident which happened near an unmanned level crossing at Rigton in North Yorkshire. Mr Gallagher was apparently struck by an express from Harrogate to Leeds as he walked on the track. British Transport Police said that the accident was a mystery.

#### Prisoner confesses to 3,000 crimes

A convicted robber has sent. figures for Glouces shire soaring by confessing to more than 3,000 further offences. Mark Starr, aged 18. accounted for almost a quarter of the county's 32 per cent rise in recorded crime from

Starr, of Cheltenham, was jalled for four years last April for a series of robberies. After three months in prison, he confessed to a string of thefts, for which he cannot be

Gloucestershire police said: "We have had people confess to hundreds of new crimes before, but never on this scale. They were committed over several years but, because he admitted to them all at once, they were all added to last year's county crime figures.
He has single-handed caused a large upwards blip in our total crime statistics."

#### Tram kills man

A man died under the wheels of a "supertram" undergoing trials for Manchester's Metrolink system. Police said that Thomas Williams, aged 36, of Cheetham, Manchester, was cut in half by the light rail train in Crumpsall, north Manchester.

# Bouncer-jailed

Leonard McClean, aged 42. a nightclub bouncer, of Bow, east London, was jailed for 18 months for actual bodily harm after punching a man who danced naked at the Hippodrome dub. Gary Humphreys, aged 31, died an hour later.

#### Wrong number

The BBC has apologised to the Lord Mayor of Oxford after it used the mayoral car's number plate, FC 1, in the television series Love Hurts. The city solicitor had complained about the unathorised use of the number plate.

#### Happy ending

Hugo White, aged three, caused a five-hour police search after he wandered into woods at Cholsey, Oxford-shire, and fell asleep. His grandmother, Marigold Warner, said: "We'd read him the story of Goldilocks and I think he may have gone to search for the three bears."

#### Fire deaths

Three people have died in a fire at their home in Lenzie, near Glasgow. They were John Devine, aged 81, his wife, Janes, aged 78, and their son, Jack, aged 50.

#### **DNA** test used to hook tuna tax cheats

BY STEWART TENDLER

DNA techniques, usually de-ployed to identify criminals and examt fathers, are to be used by European Community customs investigators to spot the difference between turn and bonita, in an effort to claim up to £31 million in back duties.

The investigation centres on the difference in duty be-tween the tune and bonito imported into EC countries. Tuna imports draw a 24 per cent duty, while the bonito attracts IS per cent. The purpose of the import restric-tions is to protect EC tuna-fisheries and to exclude the Japanese in particular.

accused of canning tuna and sending it to Britain and Germany, the EC's two main consumers of tuna, described as bonito tuna. The investigators sent a six-man mis-sion to Thalland, costing £36,000, which was shown catches which were claimed to be bonito, but the EC officials still believe that the Thais are canning a version

The Thais insist that their fishermen are catching boui-to, despite the evidence of marine biologists that, al-though there is a Far East version of the bonito, it does not flourish in Thai waters. The tune does The tuna does.

The various species of tuna can reach 14ft but the three fish caught commercially, the skipjack, the albacore, and the bigeye, are found worldwide and vary from 3ft to 6ft. The bonito, a member of the same family, usually grows only to 30in.

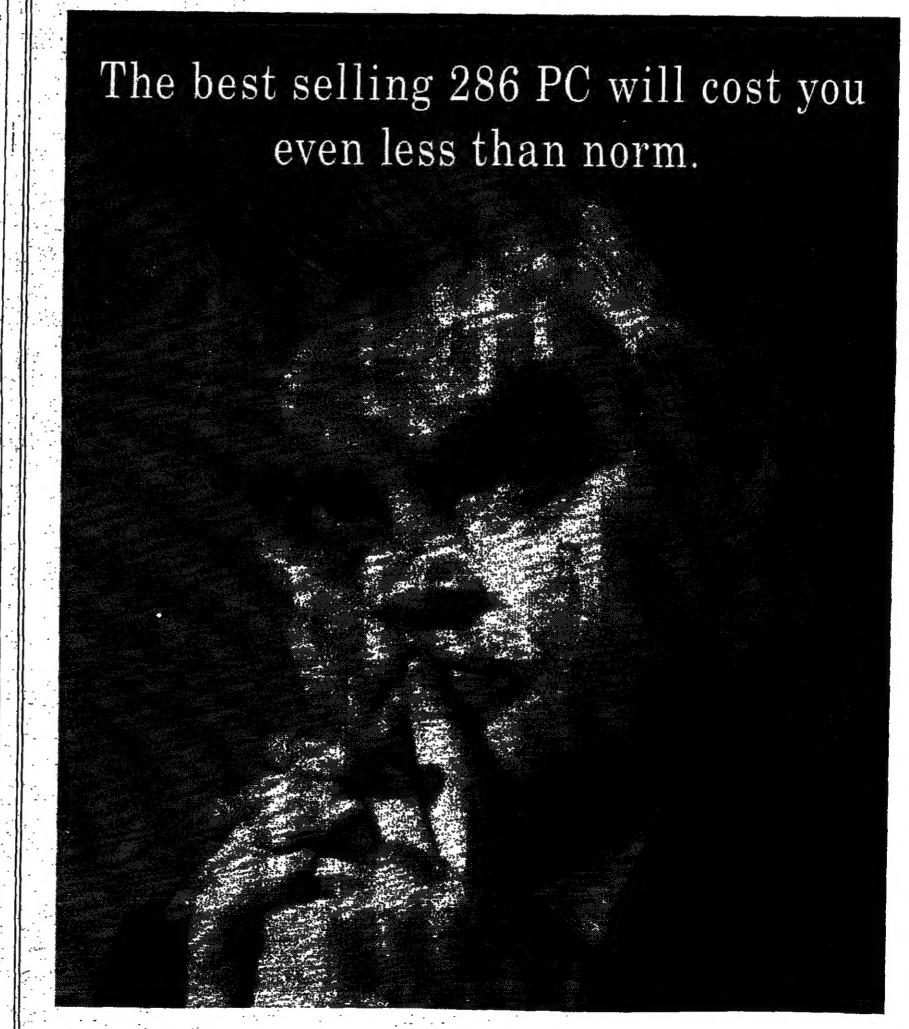
Customs officials have in-terviewed ten of the leading importers in Britain to discover what they know about their consignments, and have turned to DNA to show that the fish the Thais are

catching is tuna.

If DNA tests show a clear difference, extra import duties going back three years will be claimed, which could be worth £6 million in Britain and £25 million in Germany.

The investigation under-

lines the complexity of EC import regulations. Cases of misdescription and undervaluation include the rerouting of textiles from a country which is limited in imports to the EC through another country which may have a larger quota. China his tried to get around textile import restrictions, particularly those in Britain, by re-routing its products through South Africa, Zimbabwe,



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# Cancer patient wins dispute over poll tax surcharge summons

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adults said that they would

refuse to pay community charge surcharges. Council

treasurers say that only up to

5 per cent have refused to pay

the extra sum, which appears

on bills as "other

Cotswolds in 1981 and have

been in dispute with the coun-

cil for 18 months. Because they are still not paying the surcharge they will end up £14.52 in arrears by the end

of this financial year and may face a further summons.

Mr Gledhill said after the case: "It's not for me to say if

we will issue another

Mr Roper said: "Despite

the fact that I made it clear

from the outset that I was the

responsible payer. Marjorie

was summonsed. They

The Ropers retired to the

The case comes in the wake

A CANCER patient too ill to attend court won a poli tax victory against a local council esterday when a summons gainst her for refusing to pay a £14 surcharge towards the non-payment of tax dodgers vas withdrawn at the last

Marjorie Roper, aged 67, vho is receiving chemotheraby for lung cancer, chal-lenged the summons, brought by Stroud council in loucestershire under the 1988 Local Government Fihance Act, through her hus-band and her solicitor. Just efore they appeared before magistrates at nearby Dursley to fight it, the summons was withdrawn by Geoffrey Gledhill, communi-

charge recovery officer.
The council had discovered hat an accounting mistake had been made over the amount it was seeking while the woman's husband, John Roper, a former health ser-vices correspondent of The Times, said it was he who should have been served the

Mr Roper, aged 75, al-ready had the agreement of the council that he was responsible for paying his wife's tax. Some of the cheques he sent to cover it minus £14.52 he deducted over ten instalments for the surcharge, were incorrectly credited to his

account alone. This left his should have gone for me and wife wrongly accused of being I don't understand their £34.60 in arrears. arithmetic anyway. She could not appear because, sadly, the At the couple's cottage in the Coiswolds after the case. cancer which first struck her Mrs Roper said: "Common nine years ago has returned. sense had to prevail. Why should I pay for those who deliberately refuse? I do not expect my neighbour's milk bill to be passed on to me for payment. If she falls on hard The 1988 act was not meant to penalise people who pay their taxes by adding the debts of known law breakers

to their bills." Despite writing to Michael Portillo, the local government minister, Mr Roper has been unable to determine under of an NOP poll finding last week in which 38 per cent of what regulation the debts of non-payers can be passed on.

Marcus Hunnibell, the couple's solicitor, said the council was overzealous. "Their administration was in error because they had not followed the arrangement they had made with Mr Rop-er about him paying by one cheque per month for both of them. Sometimes they re-membered to credit her account and sometimes they forgot. Mr Roper has high-lighted the inefficiency of the



Full circle: Mick Callaghan, a carpenter, checks a 14ft water wheel which has been reconstructed at York Castle museum's mill using original ironwork. The mill formerly stood in the Raindale Valley on the North Yorkshire moors

# Students' advert attacks university

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER

placed an advertisement in the national press advising prospective undergraduates not to apply to the university, the latest in a series of protests about underfunding.

The advertisement, which will appear in The Guardian on Tuesday, tells potential candidates that the university is suffering from a chronic shortage of resources, has pushed up rent and food prices, and has victimised academics who speak out against the alleged decline in standards. Colwyn William-son and Michael Cohen, both philosophy lecturers, were suspended after criticising acdemic standards two years

The student union, which held a day of action yesterday, has been fined £22,000 after its occupation of the university's administration building last week. Kevin Durham. that the sit-in had followed six months of fruitless cam-paigning. We got nowhere and decided on occupation. The money we've been fined was meant to be spent on renovation. That's all our reserve gone." Mr Durham

STUDENTS at University, said that the university's at College, Swansea, have tempt to attract government funds by increasing student numbers had committed it to reckless and underfunded expansion. "There aren't enough books or practical equipment in the labs as it is.
If they keep increasing student numbers, then the quality of education is bound to decline."

The union is also protesting at student hardship and the withdrawal of benefits. A recent survey of 900 students at Swansea carried out by the union indicated that 18 per cent were considering leaving for financial reasons.

The National Union of Students yesterday criticised the new increases in loans available to students as a meaningless gesture. "This means that students are going to be even deeper in debt than they were last year. Increasing the loan does not give students more money." a spokeswoman said.

Monday that the maximum loan is to be increased by 25 per cent to £830 from Sep-tember, a 4.5 per cent rise in student support for those receiving the combined grant

#### Vetting for taxi drivers

Taxi drivers are to face new quecks after allegations of sex attacks on passengers and alarm that people with crimipal records have been given

From next month, local authorities outside London vill be able to vet applicants or taxi and minicab licences y checking police records. The new powers also cover scence renewals. London taxi drivers already face these

A working party, reviewing the licensing of London taxis and minicabs is expected to

Lynne Truss, L&T section, page 1

Burns man dies

Paul Hooper, aged 40, who set fire to himself, his wife and wo sons at their home in Copnor, Hampshire, died sterday. His wife Ann is in ntensive care at a Bristol hospital. The sons are in a Portsmouth hospital suffering from shock.

Safe landing A pilot landed a Boeing 737 on three wheels at Stansted

airport, Essex, after a tyre xploded soon after take-off. None of the 130 on board

Children hurt

A "lollipop lady" and three children were hurt when they were hit by a car on a pedestrian crossing at ract. West Yorkshire.

#### Thefts at galleries linked

SECURITY is to be reviewed at Britain's oldest public mu-seum, the Ashmolean in Oxford, after £50,000 of ancient

Police believe that the theft msy be linked to the disap-pearance last week of an Ital-ian oil painting, valued at £15,000, from the city's Christchurch gallery. On stolen while the were open to the public

The jewellery stolen from the Draper's gallery at the Ashmolean was kept in a locked glass case, which had been forced open. Attendants are on duty in most of the galleries, although a few, including the Draper's, are monitored by video. Recording the pictures has been relected as too costly.

Richard Moorey, keeper of antiquities at the museum, said: There is a difference between running a prison and something relatively open to the public. Security is expensive, but we keep it under constant review.".

Professor Christopher White, director of the Ashmolean, said that security arrangements were approved by the government's security adviser, but promised a "rigorous review" of the situation. Detective Inspector David Buckingham said: "To have two thefts from places open to the public in the same city within a week does suggest they could be connected."

# Thank goodness. Still no tax on reliability.

### Heavy breather in dust-up with police

PENSIONER who suffers from asthma accidentally dialled 999 as he dusted his telephone and launched an alert which ended with police smashing open his back door.

An emergency operator at Bill Carter's local exchange spent ten minutes listening to the sound of breathing, traced the call and alerted the police. When they arrived he had left his house in Cleethorpes, Humberside, and the officers used a crowbar to force open the door.

Shortly after Mr Carter eturned from collecting his pension. "I noticed my landing light was on. I never leave it on and thought I was being burgled. Then I found the back door had been forced open with a crowbar, and a window had been smashed. It was a terrible shock. I didn't know if anybody was in my house, but my neighbour told me it wasn't a burglar, it was the

The operator must have thought I was a heavy breather or something. All she would have heard was the sound of me dusting the receiver and my breathing. It must have been a very strange call." Mr Carter, however, has

praised the operator for her action. "I don't blame her for calling the police. She acted very promptly." he said. He has also praised the police. "When they were told I suffered from asthma by a neighbour, they then must have thought I was having a fit or something, so they broke

The police have agreed to pay the £76 bill for repairs to the door.

Inspector Phil Alderman, of Humberside police, said that the operator had received an emergency call and when she heard the noises, had quite properly called the police.

"Officers attended immediately, and when they got no response, quite correctly, they broke in. It would appear that when cleaning his telephone, Mr Carter accidentally rang 999. In the circumstances we have agreed to pay for the

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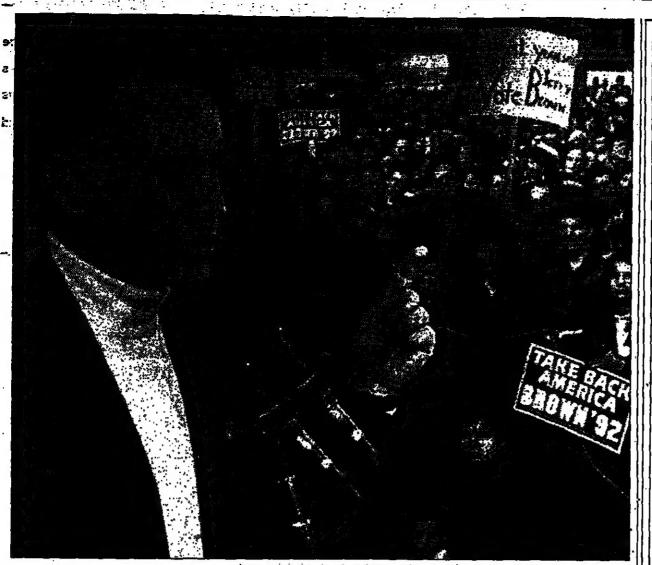
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Staging a comeback: Jerry Brown, the former governor of California, addressing a crowd of Democratic supporters in Boston, Massachusetts, on the presidential campaign trail

# Nixon attack deals poll blow for Bush

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush could not be sure to beat either Bill Clinton or Paul Tsongas if an . election for the White House were held this week.

According to an opinion poll in *The Washington Post*, published as 11 states held Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses, Mr Bush trailed Mr Tsongas by 42 per cent to 47 per cent and Governor Clinton by 44 per cent to 46

per cent. Jeb Bush, the president's son and Florida campaign manager, shrugged off the result as a mid-term irrelevance but in the White House the figures added new fuel to the debate over how Mr Bush should recast his election dent's campaign itinerary. A national televised address is planned next week to provide

Yesterday's poll contrasted with previous findings which showed that while an unnamed Democrat would defeat the president, any named challenger would lose. A month ago Mr Bush led Governor Clinton by 51 per cent to 45 per cent. Although the margin of error in the polls in 4 per cent, the rising acceptability of the Democrat frontrunners, who yesterday made Florida their main battle-ground, has further alarmed

he White House. The man blamed is the Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan who has conducted a fierce assault on the president's trustworthiness and ability to lead. Mr Buchanan was not expected to win any outright victories yes-terday against well-organised presidential forces in the

south. He was considered, however, to have clearly beaten Mr Bush on the stump and forced the president into a series of embarrassing confessions, most notably his ad-mission that raising taxes in

1990 was a mistake. For the first time since Mr Bush took office The Washington Post poll showed more people trusted Democrats than Republicans to deal with the country's main problems. Those approving the presi-dent's performance in office fell from 46 per cent in Jami-



with most of the change coming from disaffected Re publicans.

The president's herric tour last week of Super Tuesday voting states seemed only to have increased the sense of failing leadership. White House officials promised that after next week's television address, which is to be aimed at congress's refusal to pass the president's "economic recovery package", the cam-paign would enter a new

Senior Bush campaign advisers promised that when the "fire drill" of early primaries was over, the president's message would broaden into more specific attacks on his Democrat opponents. Most of their true confidence, however, is placed in an economic

turn March into a mere bitter memory by voting day in November President Bush also came under unwelcome criticism yesterday from Richard Nixon, the former president, who argued against the adminis-tration's "pathetically inade quate, penny-ante ap-proach, to the high stakes game in the former Soviet Unios. Washington's failure to protect President Yeltsin

recovery which they hope will

was weakening democratic forces and emboldering the tatom across the world. Mr Mr Bush was not men

tioned by name in the memo-randum but Mr Nixon specifically attacked one of he administration's main aid initiatives, "the photo-opporunity conference of foreign secretaries," which he said was "long on rhetoric but short on action"

Foreign policy has played little part in this election campaign. Mr Bush had been unwilling to speak much of specific international responsibilities while he is fighting off "America first," rhetoric

from Mr Buchanan. Apart from praising Operation Desert Storm and the fall of communism. Nr Bush's speeches have concentrated on domestic concerns. His netrest from his main strength is another reason for his battered credibility but, as long as Mr Buchanan is ap-pealing to isolationist instincts, there is unlikely to be

#### **Brown** waits to make or break

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AS PAUL Tsongas and Bill Clinton did battle in the runup to yesterday's Super Tuesday's primaries, political experts were starting to talk of what would happen if neither reaches the Democratic National Convention this July with enough votes for the nomination. There is one answer that makes the party bigwigs blanch. The role of king-maker could fall to the anti-Washington, anti-establishment Jerry Brown.

The blunt, ascetic 53-year old bachelor has confounded these who considered his born. He has tapped into public anger with self-seeking career politicians, and out-lasted Senators Robert Kerrey and Thomas Harkin, who have withdrawn from the Democratic race. Against all odds, he has won Colorado and Nevada, and come a strong second in several other states, with his native California still to come. He looks certain to reach the conven-

If there was ever a more improbable candidacy than Mr Tsongas's, it is Mr Brown's. A professional poli-tician for two decades and a two-time presidential candidate, he is posing this time as a rank outsider. The man who raised millions as the California Democratic Party chairman until last year, is now refusing contributions greater than \$100 (£58), and denouncing big money as the root of all political evil.

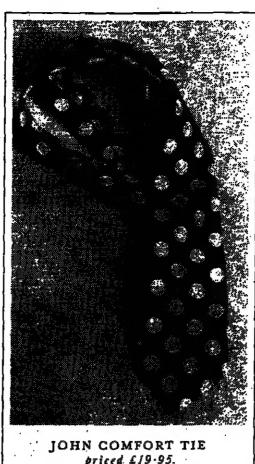
tion with significant support

Mr Brown has a full time staff of just seven. He raises funds by blurting out his free phone number during televised debates. He travels on commercial flights and sleeps at supporters' homes. Instead of advertising, he goes on endless radio talk shows. Mr Brown has a series of striking ideas rather than a detailed manifesto. His "We



Jackson: possible running mate

nary folk. He wants to replace the vast gamut of existing taxes with a single 13 per cent flat rate tax. He would ban nuclear power and pursue clean energy sources, halve military spending, cut troops in Europe to an "exchange programme" of 1,000. He wears a red ribbon on his lanel to show solidarity with Aids victims and spends nights in homeless shelters. He has vowed to make the Rev Jessie Jackson, the black civil rights leader, his running mate if nominated.



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#### **Syndicate** scoops \$27m pot

FROM REUTER

VIRGINIA state lottery officials have decided to award a \$27-million jackpot to an Australian syndicate that bought 5 million of the 7.1 million winning combinations, according to The Washington Post.

After conducting a review of the unusual circumstances surrounding the win. Ken Thorson, the lottery director. has scheduled a news conference on Tuesday to announce

State government sources said lottery officials could find no violation of its rules in the syndicate's buying spree. Two men representing the International Lotto Fund of Melbourne, showed up in Richmond with the lucky ticket at the draw.

The group bought five mil-lion of the 7.1 million possible number combinations in the 'pick six" game at one dollar a ticket. It was trying to cover all combinations, but ran out of time. Lottery officials ini-tially said that the ticket might be invalidated if it were bought in violation of the rules that stipulate that tickets be paid for at the same spot they are issued.

#### UN likely to reject Iraq plea for help

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MONTHS of growing con-flict between Iraq and the United Nations come to a head today around the horse shoe-shaped table in the UN Security Council:

Armed with new figures showing that thousands of people have died in Iraq because of food and drug shortages, Tariq Aziz, the country's deputy prime minister, will appeal for a relaxation of the crippling UN trade embargo imposed after the invasion of Kuwait.

But Security Council members, opposed to any easing of sanctions, will counter that Iraq is refusing to comply with the UN Resolutions that ended the Gulf War and faces "serious consequences" unless it does so.

Without ruling out eventual military action to enforce the UN ceasefire terms, the Western powers on the Council have already begun studying further punitive action.

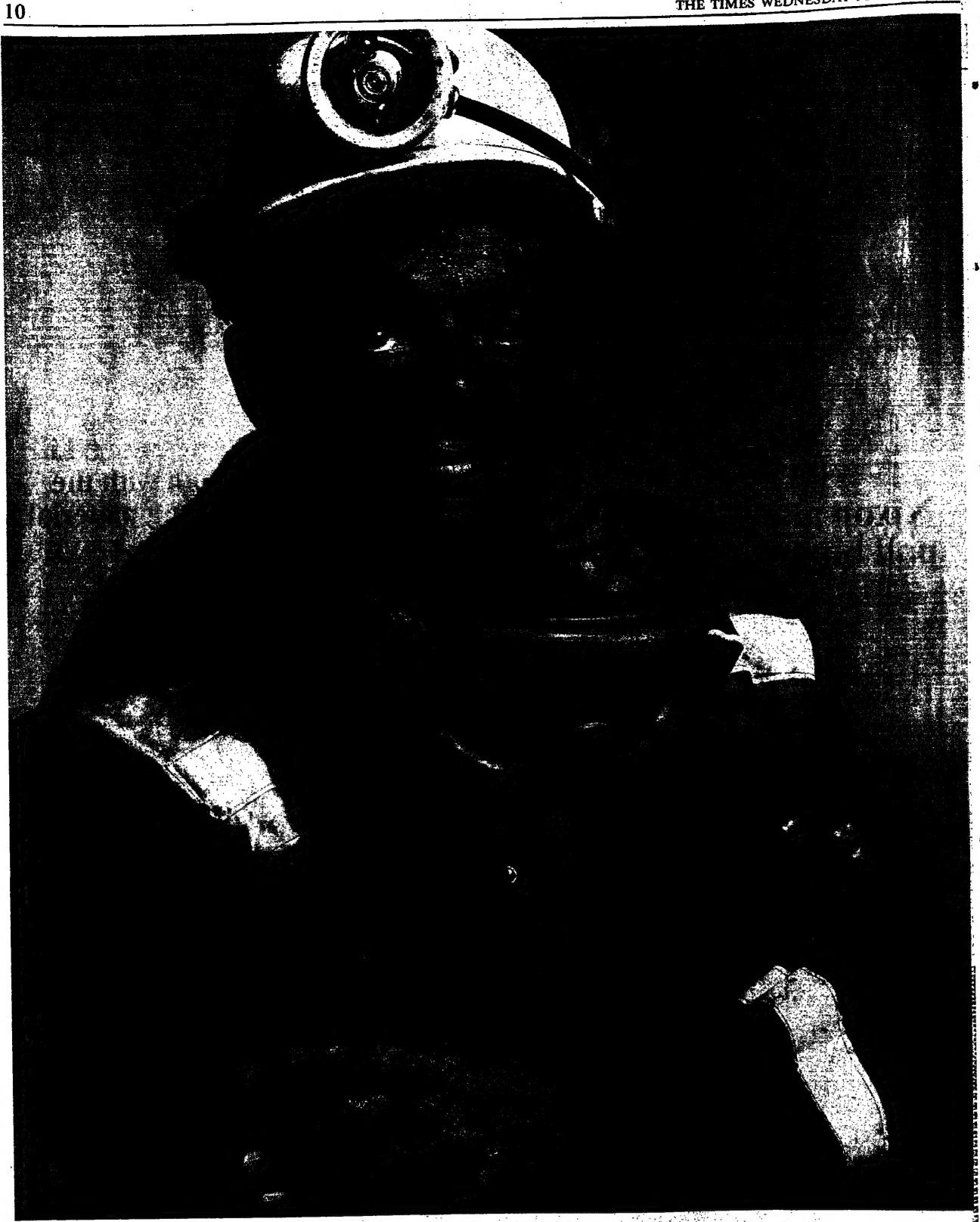
The United States has floated the possibility of a new UN Resolution seizing Iraq's frozen assets abroad, and Britain and France are considering asking the United Nations to appoint a special representative to study the plight of Iraq's oppressed Kurdish and Shiite

Mr Aziz, who arrived in New York late on Monday, with a 15-man delegation, prepared yesterday for his howdown with the Security Council by scheduling meetpresident, Ambassador Diego Arria of Venezuela, its non-aligned members and Boutrous Boutrous-Ghali, the UN Secretary General.

As argumention, the health ministry in Baghdad released new data on what it says are the effects of the UN trade embargo. The ministry said some 21,000 people, including about 8,000 infants, had died of diarrhoea, respiratory diseases, stomach infections and infectious diseases in the first two months of this year, bringing to 120,000 the number of deaths Iraq blames on UN sanctions. About one million of Iraq's 18 million people are suffer-ing from diseases related to

malnutrition, the report said. The Security Council is unlikely to be impressed, however. Food and medicine are now exempt form the UN embargo, and Iraq has refused to make a UNauthorised sale of \$1.6 billion of oil to finance relief opera-

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# THE BUDGET

# Lamont's damp squib misses the political opportunity

NORMAN Lamont could heave a big sigh of relief as he sat down after yesterday's Budget. His performance should ensure that he never has to present a Budget again. Not only did the Budget fail to live up to the extravagant hopes pinned on it by many Conservative backbenchers; it was a disappointment when measured against the economic challenges that will face Britain after the general election is over. The help for small business, industry and individual taxpayers was meagre and thinly spread. The introduction of a new 20 per cent lower tax. rate may have seemed a clever gimmick, but it is unlikely to generate economic or electoral benefits commensurate with its

Politically, Mr Lamont's speech

was an opportunity foregone. It was an ideal chance not only to offer immediate measures to spark an economic recovery, but also to justify his dismal economic record and spell out the long-term economic plans and aspirations of a re-elected Conscrvative government. In all these respects, the Budget was a damp squib.

The long-term promises of achieving large tax curs and balanced budgets under a future Conservative government were presented without conviction and, inexplicably, there was no hint at all of ambinious long-term plans to abolish inheritance tax and help small savers. The lack of conviction on tax

cuts was perhaps not surprising. shed by the Treasury with

The disappointing Budget unveiled yesterday is unlikely to generate the economic or electoral benefits the Conservatives were hoping for, and could prove the last that Mr Lamont has to present, Anatole Kaletsky writes

the Budget. These showed that the damage done to public fi-nances by the recession had been far worse than even the extreme pessimists in the City had thought. So deep and destructive, in fact, has been the effect of the recession that the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement in 1992-3 would have risen to £26.5 billion or 4.4 per cent of Gross Domestic Product even in the absence of any Budget tax cuts. Looking as far as it dared into the future, the Treasury could find scope for only £1 billion of further tax cuts in

meeting its self-imposed target of balancing the budget over the course of an economic cycle. The prospect of a 20 per cent standard tax rate seemed nothing more than a pipedream unless some future Chancellor was prepared to fulfil Labour's prophecy and raise Value Added Tax, or some other indirect form of revenue.

Had the promise of long-term reductions in the standard rate been more plausible, the new 20p tax band might have had more ignificance as a symbol of where a future Tory government would achieve. In the event, the new tax

band will simply produce an indiscriminate handout to virtually every taxpayer of £1.92 a week, a sum that most will hardly notice and that is unlikely to have much impact on consumer behaviour or on voting intentions. The new tax band may confuse Labour for a day or two, but in the end John Smith should have little difficulty in persuading the public that the new band is simply a penny off the standard rate by another name. Given the imminence of the election, political calculations were bound to dominate the Budget. But Mr Lamont's speech was

the Treasury's official thinking. It seems to have judged that no further measures were needed to pull the economy out of recession. Apart from the personal tax cuts, which will have no effect on demand until well into 1993, the Treasury rejected virtually every idea presented for boosting the economy. Temporary capital allowances to stimulate investment were ruled out. There was no help for the housing market. Even the reduction of car tax was a halfbaked measure. The unexpected decision to raise Vehicle Excise

Duty was a petty irritant.

To judge by the Budget measures, therefore, the Treasury mandarins seem convinced that an economic recovery now really is around the corner. And al-

also important as a reflection of though they were totally wrong last year, this time they may be right. Political uncertainty played an important part in stopping the economic recovery that was so widely predicted last summer and autumn. And even if yesterday's £1.5 billion of tax cuts have minimal impact, the government has already injected £6 billion of additional fiscal stimulus through last November's revised public spending plans. Post-election political stability may also ease slightly the ERM constraint on interest rates. allowing a half point off base rates. Later in the summer, reductions in German interest rates may further expand the room for manoeuvre. But will the Chancellor to benefit from the extra leeway by Norman Lamont or John

# New tax band gives £100 to most earners

MONEY EDITOR

THE first £2,000 of everyone's taxable income will be taxed at 20p in the pound from April 6. The new lower rate band is worth £100 a year to most taxpayers and, in the next financial year, fourmillion people on low in-comes will pay only the lower

Coupled with the increase in personal allowances in line with inflation, the income tax nutratures will reduce traces for the large majority of people by £2.64 a week. Single pen-sioners should be £2.79 better off and married men aged 65 and over £3.32. Single people £2.84 better off and married

men over 75 will gain £3.37. Basic rate and higher rate. ie F23.700 i for higher rate tax. The all ances for married comples and those for single parents and women recently widowed

remain at £1.720 for the sec-

ond year running. To complete the independent taxation measures, which were introduced in 1990, the allowance for married couples can in future be claimed by either the mis-band or wife. Presently, it is paid first of all to the husband and if he has insufficient lowance for all people under earnings to pay tax then the 65 is increased by £150 to wife can use it. However, it a £3,445. The allowance for

husband is a basic rate taxpayer and his wife is a higher rate taxpayer she cannot use the allowance, which could increase their joint income by

Couples will be able to share the allowance out as they wish with both using half of it or the higher taxed partner using it all, costing £10

When the Conservatives came to power in 1979 they inherited a lower rate band of 25 per cent on the first £750 of taxable earnings and a 30 per cent basic rate of tax from Labour. This was dropped in

financial year and £2.3 billion in the following year. Mortgage tax relief will continue to be paid at 25 per cent for all 10 million borrowers irrespective of their tex rate. Lower-paid savers will have to claim back the difference between the basic rate of tax deducted from their accounts and their own 200 in the pound liability.

The standard personal al-

creased by £180 to £4,200. The allowance for the over 75s is raised by £190 to £4,370. The married couple's allowance for those aged 65 10 74 will be increased by £110 to £2,465, and those over 75 will have a married couple's allowance of £2,505, a rise of £110.

The income limit for age allowance is increased by £700 to £14,200. Above this limit the allowances are withdrawn at the rate of £1 for every £2 of income until they reach the standard allowances of people under 65.

Last year personal allow-ances were increased by 9.4 per cent to 9.8 per cent, slightly above the inflation rate of 9.3 per cent.

of personal allowances to the inflation rate in the previous December unless the government chooses to override it. The inflation rate in December was 4.5 per cent.

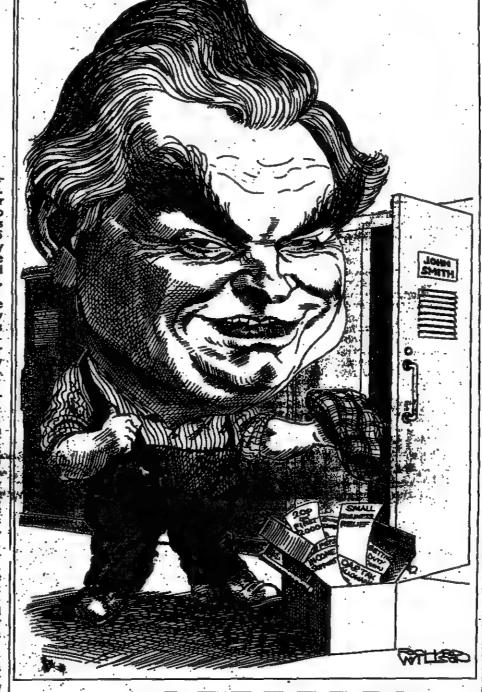
The reductions should be included in the first paypackets after May 17...

The allowance on Capital Gains Tax was increased by the rate of inflation to £5,800. £300 higher than the previmarried couple can now make taxable gains of

£11,600 before incurring tax.
The rate of CGT remains equivalent to income tax levels, or 25 per cent for basic rate payers and 40 per cent for higher rate payers.

The annual exemption for capital gains tax was raised last year by £500 to £5,500, the first increase since 1988 when it was announced that both husbands and wives were to have the allowance to set against gains. This meant that couples could make taxable gains of £11,000 on a jointly held property before

they paid tax.
Since 1988 investors have been able to take the March 1982 value as the acquired price for items sold after April 1988. The price is then in-detect to the retail prices index to work out the taxable



# Cut expected to help industry

By Kevin Bason

CAR prices are expected fall

by hundreds of pounds from midnight after the Chancellor's decision to try to revive the ailing motor industry by halving the ten per cent special tax on new models.

Mr Lamont was respond-ing to warnings that Britain's biggest manufacturing and retail industry could stip from recession into slump after 28 months of falling sales.

Cutting the special car tax, first levied in 1973 as a temporary measure, to five per cent is expected to encourage prospective buyers. Mr Lamont told the Commons that he expected the typical saving on a family saloon would average about 6400. The Retail Motor Industry

Federation, representing 12,000 car dealers, predicted up to 80,000 extra sales in the UK this year. That would improve previous estimates of market struggling to sell 1.7

Neil Marshall, the federation's chief economist, said: There is no doubt that cutting the special car tax will help to stimulate sales." He added: "We just home the ed: "We just hope that the extra sales will filter through quickly enough to prevent the large scale jobs losses which were being predicted for the

The special car tax yielded

Treasury but about £2.1 bil-lion was lost from reduced receipts, like VAT. Mr Lamont said that the loss of half the special car tax would cost the government £635 million in 1992-93 and £765 million in 1993-94. Car sales plummeted from a record 2.3 million in 1989

£1.2 billion last year to the

to just below 1.6 million last year in the biggest decline in the industry's history. Environmental campaign-

ers said Mr Lamont had not discouraged more car buy-ing. Andrew Lees, campaign director for Friends of the Earth, said: "Making cars cheaper is not the way to discourage the growth in the number of cars already jamming up the roads,"

borrowing rose and the Budget crisis

bly in 1931. The Labour chancellor Philip Snowden introduced a ferocious Budget in April, only to find that it had not been ferocious enough to satisfy the markets. After the government had fallen, to be replaced by a coalition National government, Snowden intro-

between autumn spending and spring mal one, but it is not essential. What does matter to the institution is its sense of theatre. That depends above all on Whitehall's obsession with secreter Gerhard Stoltenberg once called longingly for a fraction of the secrecy enjoyed by his British counterparts in

preparing their Budgets.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the Budget speeches of the past were more enjoyable than today's. Lloyd-George's 1909 speech lasted four hours, but according to Hilaire Belloc, then a Liberal MP, it was the most tedious performance imaginable. Political sketch

# Dressed to kill but with the wrong material

Some of my media col-leagues saw this Budget statement as of essentially economic importance, while others insisted that it was a argely political occasion. But to your sketchwriter it was a predominantly sartorial occa-

sion. I have never seem Dame Jill Knight looking like that. It was a minic of Harpic-blue with extraordinary cream swirls and huge white bars across the shoulders. To focus upon this dame's expansive bosom was like star-ing into an English summer sky. To behold her shoulders was like the final moment before a Cheisea fan hits you.

Nor was it only the women who amazed. Nell Hamil-ton's psychedelic bow tie was, from this particular Tory whip, unsurprising; and sports minister Robert Atkins's lapel-borne rose was unusual only for the fact that Mr Atkins seemed to have included the stalk and the bring the whole bush

But Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, had all of us in the press gallery stunned. He wore a tie with pink spots. You have to understand the sheer dignity that is Sir Parrick to realise why, had Jill Knight worn nothing at all, she could not have surprised us more. These, indeed, were the afternoon's interesting elements

Scarcely less interesting were the seating arrange-ments. I am told that this was the first time in history that every single seat in the Cham-ber had been booked with a prayer card" even before the afternoon arrived. If the red rose on Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowznam's breast looked a little the worse for wear, this may have been because she had apparently slept in the corridors the previous night, to be sure of her customary

So vicomis was the mishing for position on Labour's front bench that - even before employment questions were over — all the Opposi-tion's employment spokes-men had been pushed off by larger cuckoos. From over the dispatch box, employment secretary Michael Howard answered questions with nobody facing him to speak for the Opposition. One of the largest cuckoos

was Roy Hattersley. When he arrived there was no place reserved for Labour's deputy leader. This plainly wouldn't do. Mr Hattersley indicated that he intended to sit down, regardless. For a momen what Mr Major would call Roy's considerably large bottom hovered above Llin Golding. Few of us will forget the expression of frozen terror on the slim Mrs Golding's face as perhaps her whole life flashed before her. Then he sat. There was a sort of silent scream — if not from Mrs Golding then from the press gallery above. Parts of her emerged later, a crushed huddle, squeezed into Mr

Hattersley's left shoulder. Hardly less shocking was the moment when Margaret Beckett sat on Gerald Kaufman. She stood there, looking as though she would: he sat there, looking as though he couldn't believe it. Then down she came. As Mrs Beckett's bottom settled upon the shadow foreign secretary's elegantly suited knee, a thin smile played upon his lips at the unusual pleasure.

By now, the Chancellor was almost ready to start. Nigel Lawson, in black, at the back of the chamber, folded his arms grimly. Sir Geoffrey

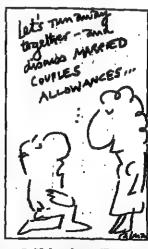
mouth. Mrs Thatcher, in blue and pearls, held pen ready above the notepad on her knee. Alan Amos, who had made a brave appearance, sat beside friendly Maureen Hicks. Within a few yards of him I could see MPs who had been convicted of drinking and driving, reckless driving, and criminal damage, all of them standing again at the next election, and I wondered

what he was thinking. But Mr Lamont was on his feet. It was sixty-eight min-utes of boredom and two minutes of magic. Or was it conjury? Perhaps Mr Kinnock would tell us. The leader of the Opposition rose

In Evelyn Waugh's novel Scoop, Lord Copper gets to his feet to speak at a ceremony honouring his newspaper's foreign correspondent. Lord Copper had supposed that the journalist was a speech concerns "the opportunities of youth". Rising to make it, he realises that he is addressing a very elderly gent indeed. Waugh describes the nightmarish moment, as Lord Copper sees his text coming at him, page after page littered with references to the opportunities of youth.

Shall he make the speech, regardless? Or shall he try to dodge each offending passage as he meets it, as though upon one of those fairground test your driving skill" machinest Nell Kinnock faced just

such a moment as he rose after Norman Lamont's Budget. His prepared speech was



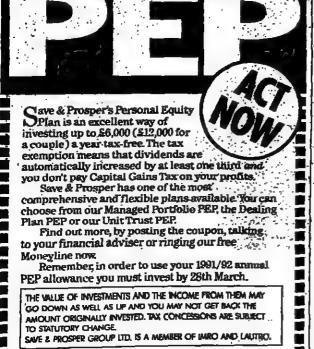
cuts". If the phrase "borrow ing for tax cuts" occurred once, it occurred a dozen times. The Leader of the Opposition had ready a positive-Presbyterian denunciation of borrowing for tax cuts. His problem was that the borrowing was notable for being not in order to finance tax-cuts.

What should Mr Kinnock do? Busk it, make up a new speech as he went along, its theme being that the recession was now so dreadful that we were borrowing up to the hilt and scaling down the expected tax cuts? Or read the speech anyway?

Mr Kinnock decided to read the speech anyway. Who can blame him! We have all experienced moments of intellectual panic and at such times there is comfort in having in one's hands a speech, even if it isn't the right

But it wasn't the right speech, and, on the faces of his party around and behind him, it showed. John Smith, tight-lipped and (in Richard Page's phrase) "knee-deep in shot foxes", looked as though his mouth was full of live

MATTHEW PARRIS



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# Fiscal ritual to break new ground

BY COMBINING the autumn spending statement with the spring fiscal statement, and moving the entire Budget package to December, Norman Lamont yesterday left his own indelible mark on the history of what he called "this uniquely British

Other nations have never ritualised public finances as the British do. We are likely to go on doing so. Mr Lamont's reform may well heighten excitement at the new winter Budget. Chancellors will remin the style of a magician, with his bag of tricks.

The word "Budget" derives from the bougette, a leather bag in which Robert Walpole had his papers brought to the Commons in 1733, when a link between the word and the annual presentation of accounts in parliament is first recorded. A pamphleteer wrote: "The Budget is opened; and our state empirick bath dispensed his packets by his Zany Courtiers through all parts of the Kingdom." Walpole's radical attempt to abolish the land tax by ing excise on tobacco and wine failed, but the name stuck. Pitt the Younger, who combined the **Daniel Johnson** predicts that the change of date will increase the excitement of the Budget

offices of chancellor and prime minister in 1783-1801 and 1804-6, created a modern system of public finance in. which the Budget was pivotal. Only with Disraeli and Gladstone, however, did the office of Chancellor of the Exchequer acquire its present status.

Thereafter the Budget speech became one of the great set pieces of the parliamentary year. The tension between spending and evenue, symbolised in the division between autumin statement and spring Budget, dates from Lloyd-George's "People's Budget" of 1909. Public spending until then had scarcely exceeded that of Pitt's day. Under Lloyd-George, and his successors, the naval arms race and the burgeoning welfare state caused new taxes to be imposed. while Pitt's income tax, which Gladstone had sought to abolish, was raised to unprecedented levels. After 1909, became a regular occurrence. The most famous of these was proba-

duced a second, September Budget. In recent years the division of labour

taxation statements has become a forcy: the former German finance minis-

# Small firms cheer sanctions made against late payers

By DEREK HARRIS

THE Chancellor declared war on big companies that hold smaller businesses to ransom by slow payment of bills. Tough measures to speed settlements are expected to save many recession-hit firms from receivership and were warmly welcomed by small business organisations.

The Chancellor appeared to hint that unless companies were prepared to pay their suppliers and sub-contractors within 30 days they will in future find it difficult to win government orders.

The Confederation of British Industry and British Chambers of Commerce applauded the Chancellor's rule that big companies will have to state in their annual accounts how quickly they pay their bills. Some reputedly have regularly left payments for 90 days or more.

Government departments will be expected to set the tone for quicker payment: the tar-

get is a settlement within 30 days of receiving an invoice from a supplier. Norman Lamont said: "I want to see

the government's good record

extended to firms who win government contracts." From next month companies successfully negotiating contracts with govern-ment departments will also have to pay their sub-contractors "ordinarily" within 30 days. This should be where

smaller businesses will score. Many small firms reckon late payment to be their biggest headache. A survey by the Forum of Private Business, a leading small business pressure group, put late pay-ment of debts at the top of a list of worries. The surveys showed that typically payments were delayed 82 days from delivery of goods by a supplier and presentation of

Protest at bills secures change

BY MAYTHEW BOND AND DOUGLAS BROOM

NO BUSINESS in England and Wales will face an increase in its uniform business rate bill this year above the rate of inflation, the Chancel-lor said. His proposals are likely to be welcomed by thousands of small and mediumsized businesses, many of which had faced rises exceeding 24 per cent next month.

By reducing the burden of the UBR, Mr Lamont has finally responded to protests voiced ever since the new rate was introduced in the reform of local government finance that produced the poll tax.

The big increases faced by businesses came about ironically as part of a scheme designed to lessen the impact of the UBR, first levied in April 1990. As part of the introduction of the UBR, the first revaluation of Britain's commercial premises for 15 years was carried out. The revaluation's reference date was 1988 - near the height of the property market.

The result was an average values, with the south of England, where property values had soared in the Eighties, worst hit. With many businesses facing tenfold rises in bills, transition arrangements were introduced that limited the rise in one year to inflation plus 20 per cent for large premises, or plus 15 per cent for smaller ones.

However, these were still big increases, as when many businesses were gripped by recession. The Chancellor has now acted to amend the transitional arrangements.

It is proposed that the 20 per cent and 15 per cent increases be suspended for a year, leaving next month's rise at the 4.1 per cent an-

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nounced by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, last year when he set the 1992-3 UBR at 40.2p in the pound. Mr Lamont said some 500,000 businesses should benefit from the new arrangements at a cost to the Exchequer of £320 million, and a further £220 million in 1993-4 when the

original transitional arrange-

ments resume.

From midnight last night, companies taking over premises will be allowed to "inherit" transitional UBR arrangments. Previously, a change of occupant meant that the new tenant had to pay full UBR immediately. That had discouraged new lettings. Stephen Thomas, of Herring Baker Harris, the property agent, said that the change should stimulate the retail and office markets.

The new charges, however, are expected to cause some confusion after Mr Lamont told local authorities, which collect the tax for the governin accordance with existing legislation. New, lower bills would be sent once parlia-ment had approved legislation, he said.

Transitional limits on firms' gains from UBR, mainly applying to industry in the Midlands and northern England, are to rise from 13 per cent a year for large premises and 18 per cent for smaller ones, to 22 per cent and 27 per cent.

Mr Lamont said the net effect of the changes would be a 3.25 per cent fall in the UBR bill paid by businesses in England and Wales in 1992-3. Similar reductions were planned for Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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falls short of demands by the forum and others for legislation to establish that interest should be paid on overdue debts. Stan Mendham, chief executive of the private business forum, said: "Nevertheless the Chancellor's moves to on the payment of its bills encourage prompt payment are very welcome." Richard Brucciani, chair-

man of the CBI's smaller firms council, sees publication of payments policy in company accounts as bringing the power of publicity to bear. He said: "It is a clever move by the Chancellor to set a tone for business behaviour." The British Chamber of Commerce said the annual statements on payment poli-cies, combined with simpler procedures in the courts when action is taken by suppliers, "must be a move in the right direction in changing the endemic culture of late payment". Other benefits for the beleaguered smaller business sector, notably the eas-ing of the burden of the uniform business rate, were welcomed by pressure

groups.
They had urged the Chancellor to throw financial life-belts as an increasing number of small firms faced being driven out of business by the recession. A record of more than 47,000 businesses, most of them small, collapsed last year as the economic climate grew bleaker, according to Dunn & Bradstreet, the business information company. However, the number of new starts well exceeded that number.

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concessions will bring.

Chancellor said the cost of the

two measures would be £5 million in the first year rising to £15 million in 1993-4.

Under present rules, a proportion of costs can be written

off over the whole earning life

of a film, but only after negotiation with the Inland

Revenue. Wilf Stevenson, di-

rector of the British Film

Institute, said that the new

measure could start a restruc-

turing of the film industry. "What it does is relieve the

cash-flow problem for pro-

ducers, but it doesn't tackle

The prospects for contin-

ued big-budget film-making in Britain were all but ruined when capital allowances for

foreign producers were whit-tied away and finally abol-

ished in 1985. Mr Stevenson

said: "We wanted to get back to our position in 1979, and

this gets us two thirds of the

Sir Richard Attenborough

whose \$35 million film about

Charlie Chaplin has just fin-

ished shooting in London without any British money.

has campaigned hard for the

industry. He said that the

Chancellor had taken a step

in the right direction, but not

far enough. Larry Christield, head of

entertainment at the accoun-

tants Ernst & Young, des-

cribed the move as "marginal relief". He said, "With just

£15 million, one cannot ex-

pect a great upsurge in Brit-

ish film making. It will not by

itself encourage the flood to

this country of American

producers."

way there."

the investment problem."

The CBI has been a strong voice in supporting more sub-stantial capital investment allowances to boost investment. Because the Chancellor had made no change in those allowances, Mr Brucciani felt that the Budget for smaller

#### Firms get relief on VAT

By WOLRGANG MUNCHAU

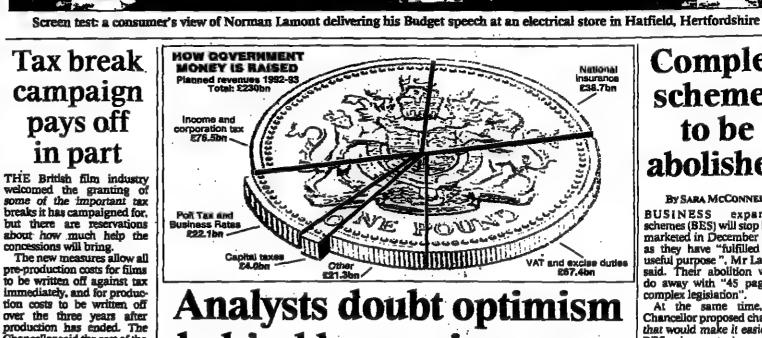
NEW measures have been introduced to ease the burden of VAT on large and small companies. Large companies monthly VAT returns and the serious misdeclaration penalty for VAT is to be reduced further. However, Mr Lamont con-

founded hopes of a substantial rise in VAT thresholds.

The threshold, which relates to a company's turnover, has been raised only in line with inflation from £35,000 to far short of £36,600, emectations.

Mr Lamont cut the penalty that companies have to pay for misdeclaration on their VAT returns from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. He said that it was "catching too many mi-nor mistakes". Customs and Excise will no longer charge penalties on underdeclar-ation of £2,000, which taken will reduce misdeclaration cases by two thirds.

The maximum default surcharge levied on traders who submit VAT return late falls from 30 per cent to 20 per cent. The cost to the exchequer is £35 million.



# Analysts doubt optimism behind borrowing surge

though Mr Lamont re-af-

firmed the government's

commitment to restoring

By Colin Narbrough

WITH the country's deficit poised to more than double in the coming fiscal year to £28 billion, and widen to £32 billion the following year, John Major's government has moved another step away from his predecessor's cherished goal of repaying the national debt.

The new target for the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR), unveiled terday, surprised the City, which had been expecting a deficit about £4 billion less in 1992-3. In his autumn statement, Mr Lamont implied a borrowing requirement of £19-£20 billion for 1992-3. He raised his PSBR forecast for this fiscal year to EI4 billion from the EI0.5 billion predicted in November. Al-

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING. Per cent of money Gross Domestic Product

budget balance in the medium term, his projections show a PSBR of 0.75 per cent of the gross domestic product in 1996-7 after a peak of 4.75 per cent in 1993-4. But the Treasury assumes that the non-oli economy will be growing at more than 3 per cent a year from 1993-4, which is regarded as optimistic by independent analysts, as it would be well in excess of growth seen in the 1980s. Studies, the independent

The Institute for Fiscal think-tank, said the further fiscal easing of £1:6 billion on top of the relaxation announced last year, made the

government's declared inten-tion of returning to a balanced budget in the medium term look "not credible at all". Edward Whitehouse, an IPS economist, said it appeared that whichever party ained power, there would be little scope to fulfil their policy pledges in the medium term. The surge in PSBR was a 'slight horror', Whitehouse said. Mark Cliffe, chief econo-

mist at Nomura Research,

described Mr Lamont's Budget as politically astute, but unsually open about the Treasury's intentions. He said a concern was that the growth, forecast would prove over-optimistic, making it impossible to bring the deficit back under control. He believes that with a more likely annual growth of 2.25 per cent over the forecast period, the PSBR could still be at £22 billion in 1996-7. In the first ten months of the current fiscal year, the cumulative PSBR was £6.6 billion, compared with a debt repayment of £3 billion at the same stage the previous year, reflecting a recession-induced fall in tax receipts and higher spending

on the unemployed. Financial markets might tolerate only a certain level of government borrowing through the gilts market, which is already under strain. The market fell only half a point on the Budget news, but is likely to start reassessing its stance today, when Mr Major is expected to disclose the date of the election.

#### Complex schemes to be abolished By SARA MCCONNELL

BUSINESS expansion schemes (BES) will stop being marketed in December 1993, as they have "fulfilled their useful purpose". Mr Lamont said. Their abolition would do away with "45 pages of complex legislation".

At the same time, the Chancellor proposed changes that would make it easier for BES schemes to be used as part of a mortgage rescue scheme, keeping another 10,000 people threatened with repossession in their homes if £500 million is presented before the and of invested before the end of next year.

The Chancellor said: "The BES has been extremely successful. Over £2 billion has been raised and invested in qualifying schemes of all kinds and Britain now has a venture capital industry equal to that anywhere in the world outside the United State. But the provisions of the BES have become ever more com-

#### BES GOES

plex and nowadays only a small part of the total goes to small businesses . . . the BES provisions for assured tenancies were intended to expire at the end of 1993. I have decided that it is unnecessary to continue the scheme beyond that date."

Tim Villiers, chairman of the BES Association, which represents BES sponsors and advisers, predicted a "bori-anza" for BES companies, encouraging investors to get in before the schemes were abolished. He warned that investors should "watch out for cowboys" trying to promote dubious schemes.

The amendments to the rules governing BES comgage rescue schemes were welcomed by BES com-panies. They will now be able to buy properties from owner occupiers in difficulties with their mortgages and let them back to the former owners on an assured tenancy basis.

Johnson Fry. one of the largest BES sponsors with about a quarter of the market, said that the announcement should pave the way for more mortgage rescue schemes. Robert Lo, Johnson Frys director of corporate finance, said: "The amount of money traised under assured tenancy schemes before the end of next year could be as much as £500 million. If you assume the average price of a property is £50,000, then 10,000 properties could be saved." 14 So far this year, assured tenancy schemes have proved by far the most popular About £275 million out of the £280 million invested in BE\$

has gone into assured tenan-

cy schemes, according to

Antony Yadgaroff, of the

Allenbridge Group, the spe-cialist BES adviser. Most of these have been sold on the basis that a company or organisation is contracted in buy the properties at the end of the term at a pre-set price. Investors can obtain tay relief at their highest rate on investments up to £40,000 a year in qualifying companies. Up to one half of relief on investments up to £5,000 made in the first half of the

tax year can be carried back

They must hold their share's

for five years to get exemption

Treasury plays it safe in outlining a slow recovery

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

CAUTION has been the watchword in the Treasury's latest predictions for the economy, which show slow recovery, a continued slight fall in investment and only a modest recovery in consumer spending. The economy is expected to do little more than edge back from the worst of recession this year before recovery gathers pace next year.

Norman Lamont's search for a recovery starting in the middle of 1991 turned his forecasting ability into something of a joke. Even last November the Chancellor was still expecting output to grow by 2.25 per cent this year. Now he has turned from optimism to caution. His Budget prediction that gross domestic product will grow by only I per cent this year is less than the 1.25 per cent average of outside forecasts. Growth in Britain would therefore be slightly lower

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than the 1.5 per cent predicted for the group of seven leading industrial countries. Mr Lamont's caution is reflected in his prediction that recovery will start slowly. In the second half of this year. when international interest rate cuts should be resumed, output is forecast to be about 2 per cent higher than in the second half of last year, accelerating to 3 per cent in

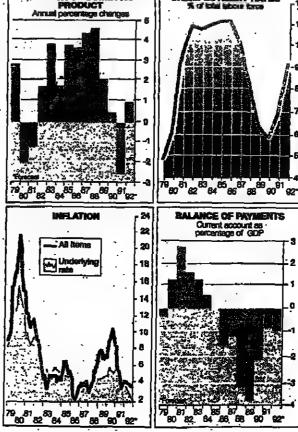
the first half of next year. Exports can no longer be relied on as the engine of recovery because of the weakness of Germany, America, and other main trading partners. Exports are forecast to grow by 3.5 per cent, with imports still growing at 4 per

The balance of payments deficit is therefore expected to widen slightly to £6.5 billion in 1992 and widen further in 1993, so that the deficit will not fall below the 0.75 per

cent of output during the depth of the slump last year. The trade deficit will also divert some of the expected 1.25 per cent rise in domestic. demand, leaving manufacturing output only 0.5 per cent up this year after the 5.25 per cent fall in 1991. Investment, which fell

10.25 per cent last year, much as forecast, is forecast to edge down again this year Consumption, which fell unprecedently last year, is likewise unlikely to bounce back, rising only I per cent this year before resurning a more normal 3 per cent growth next year.

The upside of this caution is that inflation will keep falling. Retail prices are expected to rise only 3.75 per cent this year with annual inflation falling to 3.25 per cent by mid-1993. On that basis, Mr Lamont reckons that growth of zero to 4 per cent in MO, the narrow measure of money supply, will accommodate

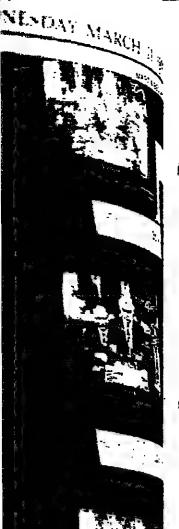


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prepared to switch to diesel fuel, now regarded as more economical and environmenrally friendly.
In addition, Mr Lamont announced a raising of capi-tal allowances from £8,000 to £12,000 to encourage new vehicle purchases. Driving schools, taxi owners and car hire firms would also be able to recover VAT on vehicle purchases, costing £50 milion in 1992-3.

The small increase in vehicle excise duty from £100 to £110 a year for car users is not regarded as being significant. The British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, which represents 2,000 fleetcompanies running 1.5 million vehicles, said it expected a 25 per cent increase in business activity as a result of

Appeals of

drinks

industry

ignored

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Chancellor has ignored appeals from the British

rewing and wine and sprits

from tax proposals from

alcohol in line with inflation.

adding Ip to a pint of beer, 5p to a bottle of wine and

28p to a litre of spirits. The

move was a disappontment to the wine and spirits in-dustries, which had been

hoping for a freeze to alle-

viate the recession's effects.

Association, said the in-creases wee "incredibly

short-sighted". He forecast that the increasing gap be-tween duty rates in Britain

and in continental Europe

would result in further job losses but would boost sales

in France next year "as Britons head for more sen-

sibly taxed products in the

. A spokesman for the Brewers' Society said that British

beer drinkers now paid 41p

in tax on every pint of beer,

ten times more than in

France and 25 times more

Mr Lamont promised, however, to block any EC

deal "that would allow other member states to continue to

levy no excise duty on wine

they make, but forces them

to put up duties on spirits which we make".

The duty increases also

came as a blow to the spirits

E The Health Education Au-

thority said that the price

cohol consumption remains

at its current level and that

the number of drink related

will ensure than al-

than in Germany.

single European market".

David Jenkins, chairman of the Wine and Spirit

British manufacturers. Mr Lamont announced in-

encouragement for motorists

revival for ailing motor industry BY KEVIN EASON

be encouraged."

Mr Lamont also an-

nounced a measure which

means there will be no VAT

penalty for employees who

decide to opt out of taking a

company car in exchange for

The move on capital allow-

ances was an unexpected

bonus for industry, which has

often protested at the £8,000

threshold being left un-

changed since the 1970s.

When the limit was set,

£8,000 was about the price of

a luxurious executive car but

now barely covers the price of

By moving the threshold up to £12,000, Mr Lamont has

more clearly aligned allow-

ances to a reasonable medi-

um sized car of the type

which will be used by the bulk

of company car drivers, par-ticularly those who need vehi-

The move will cost the Ex-

chequer £50 million in 1993-

4 and £220 million when the

cles as "tools of the trade".

allowance takes full effect.

lowly saloon.

salary from April 1.

Fleet firms predict

MOTORING CORRESPONDENT HE. Chancelior yesterday the Budget Roger Macey, romised the biggest shakeassociation chairman, said: p in tax charges on company "After what has happened in r users for a decade with the

previous years, we greet this Budget as containing positive measures which will help rerapping of the present sysm to get rid of "unaccept-ble unfairness". vive a motor industry which The Inland Revenue has has been suffering badly. leen instructed to draw up a new system of linking the There is clearly pent-up de-mand in the marketplace." being system of linking the benefit in kind which comes. Mr Lamont caused anfrom the use of a company car to the vehicle price instead of guish throughout industry last year as he increased by 20

the present system of using per cent the scale charges levied on Britain's 4.5 million engine size categories.

The review, which should workers who use a company be ready by the summer, was car. The motor industry prepart of a wide package of measures clearly designed to dicted that further big increases could spell the end of some way to cheering in-instry, hit hard in the Budget the company car, making a severe dent in the British new ast year. Mr Lamont wants a car market, which relies on ystem which will ease some fleet customers for half its of the burden of the company annual sales. Mr Lamont asar on business while still sured industry that there adentifying the driver who gets a car only as a perk. There will also be greater would be rises only in line with inflation this year.

The government is clearly anxious to encourage the switch towards diesel cars, which account for only about Britain compared with about four in ten in France and Germany. Diesel cars, despite requiring engines with a larger capacity, emit 90 per cent less carbon monoxide on average than petrol equivalents, as well as 30 per cent less carbon dioxide, the gas contributing most to global warming.
A spokesman for Vauxhall

said last night that the review was timely and necessary and welcomed changes which recognised recent technological

"Engine size has become irrelevant as cars have developed. Diesel owners were clearly being punished for us-ing cars: which were more

#### **Smokers** hit by 13p increase

By MARTIN WALLER

EXCISE duty on tobacco is to rise by 10 per cent, well ahead of the rate of inflation, putting 13p on the price of the average packet of 20 clga-reties, taking the cost to E2.21. The price of a packet of £1.79, although the increase in duty on pipe tobacco is held to the rate of inflation.

The Tobacco Advisory Council said last night that the industry was very disap-pointed at the rises. This increase is totally unfair on British smokers and threatens British jobs," Christopher Bullock, the council's director of public affairs, said. "The UK's 17 million smokers have been hit once again despite the fact that they are

lobbies to freeze excise du-ties. However, he pledged to protect the drinks industry already contributing £7.5 billion in tobacco tax annually. "Now they are being asked Brussels seen as unfair by to put their hands in their pockets for another £750 million. They will not stop smoking but will instead have every incentive to bring in low price cigarette products from other countries at the expense of

British iobs.' The 1991 Budget raised duty on tobacco by 15 per cent adding 16p to the cost of a packet of 20 cigarettes and 8p to a packet of five small cigars. A subsequent increase in VAT from April last year and increases due to inflation.

The British Medical Asso ciation had welcomed the 1991 price rises but said they were not enough to put cigarettes beyond the reach of children. Ahead of the 1991 Budget, the Chancellor had been urged by Action on Smoking and Health to make the rise 32p on a packet of 20, bringing the real price back to its September 1987 level.

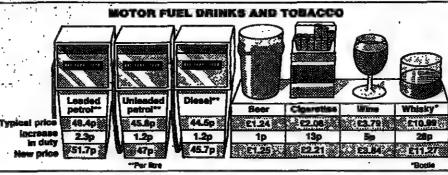
The Tobacco Advisory Council, funded by the five firms that make up the British tobacco industry, says that the rate of tax increases on cigarettes over the past ten years has been 82 per cent, a period that saw the retail price index rise by 65 per cent. The fall in prices in real terms was a result of costby

manufacturers. In spite of a 20 per cent decline in British consumption over the past decade, duties paid to the Exchequer have continued to rise sharply, to an estimated £7.5 billion in the current financial year from £6.775 billion last year and £4.224 billion in



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Forecourt divide: unleaded petrol is likely to increase its market share this year



### Price gap widens for green drivers

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE Chancellor has again widened the price differential between leaded and unleaded petrol, a move that will be velcomed by environmentalists. He has also taken action to encourage wider use of diesel, a fuel that offers 25 per cent more economy.

While duty on leaded petrol has been increased by 7 2 per cent, duty on unleaded petrol and diesel fuel is increased in line with inflation.

BP estimated that the price of four-star leaded petrol would rise from 224.6p a gallon to 235p (49.4p a litre to 51.7p). Unleaded petrol rises from 208.2p a gallon to 213.7p (45.8p a litre to 47p).

The price of a gallon of diesel fuel is increased from 202.3p to 207.8p (44.5p a litre to 45.7p).

Mr Lamont said: "This will continue our long-standing and successful policy of encouraging motorists to move away from leaded petrol, more than half the market." BP estimated that unleaded petrol accounted for about

44 per cent of the market. having increased by about three percentage points dur-

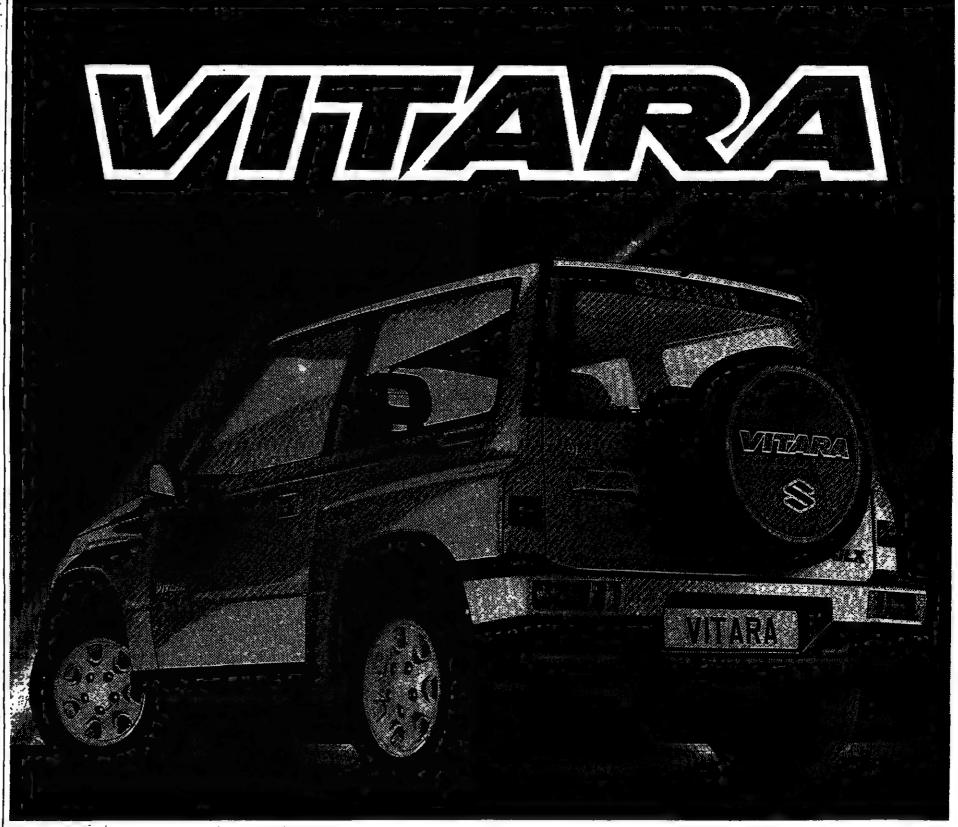
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price of unleaded fuel will have increased by 2.3 per cent year on year, well below the rate of inflation.

An average motorist driving 10,000 miles a year using diesel fuel instead of petrol would save an additional £20, increasing the total annual saving to £70. However, petrol companies believe that the popularity of diesel will continue to be restrained by the higher price of dieselpowered vehicles.

Company car fuel scales, which measure the taxable benefit of free private fuel provided by the employer, will increase by 4.5 per cent. A new lower scale will be

introduced for diesel. The motor industry believes that unleaded petrol will gain further market share this year at the expense of leaded petrol as Britain moves to limit carmotor vehicles. However, demand for diesel fuel is likely to show only modest growth. In France, diesel cars account for over 30 per cent of new car sales, compared with about 6



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'Ordinary people want to pass on the wealth they have built up'

# £10,000 rise in threshold honours Major pledge

THE threshold for inheri- jor's speech at the Conservatance tax is being raised by £10,000 to £150,000, more than the rate of inflation.

Most family businesses will be taken out of inheritance tax altogether. Those affected will be unincorporated businesses, holdings above 25 per cent in unquoted or Unlisted Securities Market companies, owner-occupied farmlands and farm tenancies.

Shareholdings of 25 per cent or less in unquoted companies and agricultural landlords will have a 50 per cent smaller shareholdings in USM companies and controlling holdings in fully quoted companies. Assets owned by partners and used in the partnerships may also be taxed at half the standard inheritance tax rate of 40 per cent.

The Chancellor said that inherited money was no long-er a privilege of the wealthy few. "Ordinary families want to be able to pass on the wealth they have built up over their lives to their children. without an excessive proportion being taken by tax. Over the years to come I shall continue to look for ways of lightening the burden of in-

The increase in the threshold will cost £10 million a year. A greater increase in the threshold for inheritance tax was expected after John Ma-

tive conference last autumn. He said that the estates of people who worked hard should not be taken in tax when they died. "I want to see wealth cascade down the generations. We don't wish to see each generation starting anew, with the past cut off and the future ignored." Conservatives believed in passing on their values, the same should hold for personal property, he said.

He continued that Conservatives had always believed in passing down their values through the generations and that "personal property should follow the same

Only 4 per cent of the estates of the 660,000 people who die each year in Britain were caught by the £140,000 threshold, above which they were taxed at 40 per cent. The tax collected £1.2 billion a year from an annual average of 23,000 estates.

In 1986, capital transfer tax was replaced by inheritance tax. Potentially exempt transfers were introduced. These allow people to make gifts during their lifetime, and as long as they live for a further seven years these are exempted from inheritance tax. While the wealthy have



Future gain: nothing for child-minding from the Chancellor for Peter Skyte, a London trade union official, but his son Nicholas could inherit more

inheritance tax, families in the South-East have incurred the tax on relatively modest homes and in some cases had

to sell to pay the tax.

Insurance policies have been heavily marketed to families with homes worth over £140,000 to cover the tax bill on death. Pensioners on income sup-

port will receive extra help

from October of £2 a week for

single people and £3 a week for couples. This is on top of

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come into effect next month. The move will help five million less well-off pensioners at a cost of £305 million in a full By October, income sup

nounced last October, which

port rates for pensioners will have increased by at least £5.75 and for those over 80 will be up to £10.70 higher. From October the income support level for those over 60

people and £91.95 for couples. Those over 75 will get £61.10 and £94.60 respec-tively and disabled pensioners and those over 80 will get £65.20 and £99.15.

The rates for housing benefit and community charge benefit will be automatically adjusted to be consistent with

income support.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said that the increase would benefit nearly half of all pensioners.

# New short-term bond will raise investment limit

BY NEIL BENNETT AND LINDSAY COOK

NATIONAL Savings is launching a Guaranteed Growth Bond this summer to attract basic rate tax payers and to help to fund the growing public sector borrowing

requirement.
The new product differs in many respects from National Savings' existing range. Most significantly the bond will have a maximum investment level of £250,000, the biggest yer. Until now the highest limit has been £100,000 on the Capital Bonus Bonds. The minimum investment will be £1,000.

The bonds will last for only one year to attract shorter term investors. Most National Savings products, including savings certificates, lock up funds for five years.

The bonds will also be the first to pay interest net of basic rate tax. Current National Savings products ei-ther pay tax gross or are National Savings is expected to contribute E3 billion

towards funding the PSBR in the current financial year and this is forecast to rise in 1992-3 with the benefit of the new product. National Savings says the Guaranteed Growth Bond is

aimed at basic rate tax payers who are looking for a high return from a secure source. The actual interest rate will WATIONAL SAYINGS

not be announced until closer to the launch. This is the second year that National Savings has benefited from the Budget as borrowing requirements increase. Last year the Children's Bonus Bond was announced. It was launched in July and pays 11.84 per cent for five years.

tax free. It had attracted £102 million by the end of January. The third series of Capital Bond was also announced and a new issue National Savings certificate paying 8.5 per cent tax-free. The Yearly Plan was also upgraded. This is currently selling at the rate of £230 million a month. The limit on new investment into the certificates is £10,000.

Index-linked certificates, which pay 4.5 per cent above inflation tax-free over five years had their investment limit boosted to £10,000 in

last year's Budget. The department is now offering much more competi-tive rates, after years of falling below the rates offered by building societies and banks, enabling it to make an increasing contribution to government funding.

Building society receipts have been dented by the im-provements and the increased holdings limits for the tax-free National Savings

A share of £15m must go to the dogs

> By JOHN GOODBODY SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE government will reduce betting duty by 0.25 per centage points, releasing about £15 million a year for

In cutting the betting duty from 8 per cent to 7.75 per cent. Norman Lamont stressed that the bookmakers should be mindful of greyhound racing as well as horse racing in distributing the new

Mr Lamont said that he hoped that voluntary arrangements could be made to direct some of this money to help the greyhound racing industry and the home secretary would be "exploring the possibilities with interested

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, later announced that the bookmakers contribution to the betting levy for 1992-3 would be about £48

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million, assuming a turnover of £4,300 million. Horse racing had been seeking £50 million, while the bookmakers were offering £35.5

million.
Sir John Sparrow, the chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, said: "I am delighted that the Chancellor has responded positively to the representations from the racing and bookmaking industries by reducing off-course betting duty. The home secretary's complementary levy determination, which I greatly welcome, will provide a much-needed boost to racing "

recipies a macri-receded boost to racing."

Archle Newhouse, chief executive of the National Greyhound Racing Chub, said: "We are delighted with the news and clearly there must now be something coming back to our sport. All we have ever asked for is fair play and we hope that the bookmakers take this on board. The govemment has clearly seen that there is a disparity between horse racing and other sports."

#### Pensions tax relief cap rises

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By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

THE cap for earnings to be eligible for tax relief on pensions contributions is to be from £71,400 £75.000.

The pensions cap intro-duced in 1989 for occupational and personal pensions means that people who joined schemes after then are limited to tax-free contributions on earnings up to the cap.

The cap is increased in line with the retail prices index. Pension contributions can be made on larger salaries but they do not attract tax relief.

has steadily increased since

1987. The corresponding figure for investment trusts

duced in the 1986 Budget

investors have been allowed

to put part of their annual Pep allowance into unit

trusts or investment trusts. However, Chancellors have always favoured direct equi-

ty investment in Peps,

which allow investors to

take any income or capital

gains free of tax and have been reluctant to yield to

requests from the UTA and

the Association of Invest-

ment Trust Companies that

investors with small sums

be allowed to spread risk.

The aim of Peps was to en-

courage investment in

The Pep allowance was

raised in successive Bud-

gets until the present limit

was reached in the 1990

Budget. The level of the unit

trust or investment trust ar-

rangement had remained

constant until now.

shares of UK companies.

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#### Lower gift levels may raise £400m

BY SARA MCCONNELL

CHARITIES yesterday wel-tomed the decision to reduce the minimum level for one-off donations under the Giftaid scheme from £600 to £400. They said the change could attract up to £400 million for

charities next year, double the amount raised this year. The charities had argued that the

previous high level had put people off giving.

Michael Brophy, director of the Charities Aid Founda-tion; said: "The Giftaid scheme has been very successful. We estimate that if the floor for giving is reduced by a third we could see a substantial increase next year and it could double." The reduction starts on July 1.

Charity Finance Directors Group and finance director of the Cancer Research Campaign, said: "There are a considerable amount of gifts in the area below £600. People are reasonably happy to give E10 to £15 a month but there aren't that many people giving larger individual

£200 million had been raised to date under the scheme, four times as much as the £50 million Giftaid was expected to raise in the first year.

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Under the scheme, intro-duced in 1990, individuals and close companies can out of net income. The maximum donation of £5 million was abolished in last year's Budget. Charities can claim back basic rate tax on the donation and if the donor is a

higher rate taxpayer they can apply for higher rate relief. Mr Brophy said that the cut in the rate of tax on the first £2,000 of taxable income to 20p in the pound would have an almost unnoticeable impact on charitable giving. Charities had feared that a 1p can in the basic rate of income tax would cost them up to £20 million in lost tax refunds.

Charities welcomed the changes to covenants which tion of the schemes. Tax relief can now continue on fouryear covenants without them having to be renewed. From April 1, the mainte-

nance of equipment used by the Talking Books for the Blind Service will be zerorated for VAT purposes. Charities will also pay no VAT on toilet facilities in charity-run buildings, bosts built or adapted for the handicapped, and parts and accessories supplied to sea escue chamber.

These changes, worth up to £3 million a year, fall far short of the rebates charities had

# Investors can put their full allowance into unit trusts

BY SARA MCCONNELLAND

PERSONAL equity plans have been given a boost with savers being allowed to put their full £6,000 Pep allowance in unit or investment trusts for the first time. The change, warmly received in the investment industry, will help savers to compare Pep performances lead to a drop in charges

Peps had been introduced in 1986 to make investing in shares more attractive Until now, savers wishing to invest in a unit or investment trust through the taxfree Pep wrapping were limited to a £3,000 maximum. Savers were free to invest another £3,000 in a selection of shares, again under the umbrelia of a Pep, or to

Mr Lamont said that

put their entire £5,000 in a share-select Pep. Now, they can invest £6,000 in either. Barry Bateman, chairman of the Unit Trust Association (UTA), said that Peps were now likely to play an even more important role in financial planning. "In the past, they have been very difficult to administer, with part in unit trusts or investment trusts and part in shares," he said. "They are

efficient way for people to Mr Bateman said that he

now probably the most tax-

panies to launch a wide variety of new Pep schemes after the general election. John Spiers, editor of Best

Pep Selections, said that Pep charges could fall as a result of the move. There will no longer be a need for expensive administration for the separate parts, and this could bring charges

It would also be easier to compare Pep performances now that the limits were the same, he said. "This will be a massive boost for the unit trust industry," he said. Investment managers

had hoped that Mr Lamont would act as he has and let the whole £6,000 standard Pep allowance be put in qualifying unit trusts or investment trusts. To qualify, at least 75 per cent of a trust's investment must generally be in UK shares. Mr Lamont's moves will

also close a loophole encompanies which have been able to take in the full £6,000 from savers by launching new issues. M&G exploited this loophole last year when it attracted £246 million into its new income investment trust, of which £122 million was transferred into a Pep. The trust was launched to take advantage of the loophole.

Since last year, people have also been able to put up to £3,000 in a single company Pep, allowing a total investment of £9,000 a year. The Inland Revenue said that in the tax year 1990-1, 500.000 plans had been taken out, making 1.470.000 plans taken out since their introduction.

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# Lamont promises 'Budget for the recovery'

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I out to begin by announc-ing far-reaching reform that will ect our entire system of pull finance. Each year the Buck for this country is present in two parts. In the auth, the Chancellor annouses the government's spens plans for the coming final year. And in March he i out the revenue mea-

My have criticised this unidy British institution. Riserse in the world, and inde everywhere in the privatettor, the meaning of the workudget" is crystal clear—it is schedule showing where the mey is coming from, and when's going to.

In view the current system is nonly illogical, it has also had number of highly undesilie consequences. Over the ars, the separation of publ expenditure from taxation of the announcement of the property includes the tax pposals in isolation has intelled the pressure for special liefs and contributed to the cessively complex tax syst we have now. The time has are for reform.

I prefore intend that next yea Budget will be the last spri Budget. From then on theirual Budget will be in Delber, and it will cover not justication, but also public expliture. The Budget in Denber 1993 will contain the verament's proposals for botevenues and expenditure in M-5.

plat for the subsequent two year The 1994 Finance Bill will presented to the House in wary rather than April.

Im publishing today a whipaper on the mechanics of change. I believe that it will ad to better decisions abdooth taxation and spendingly will small amount. ingt will enable spending plato be considered alongside tax plans needed to pay forem. Above all, it will ens government and Parratal choices between spend-ingeasures and tax changes.

I he it will be warmly wel-cor by the House.

## Vorld hit y slump

Thear's Budget is a Budget fore recovery. As tisual, I shabegin with the current econic sinuation prospects. I shahen deal with monetary poland the public finances. Fire. I will present my tax

west growth in the major several grown in the major several grownies in a decade, whindustrial production in the 7 actually fell. This broit a sharp slowdown in the fowth of world trade, whi was exacerbated by the despite events in the former dranic events in the former SovUnion.

The United States recovery waenerally expected in the seed half of last year. But dest low interest rates the upti appeared to faiter towar the end of 1991. Flight level debt have made firms andouseholds very cautious and spending, while banks haveen reluctant to increase the indiring.

I apan there have been ant problems, and growth hadwed sharply. In the year to luary, industrial produc-tiostually fell by 4 per cent. slowdown in world green has been accompanied by er inflation in nearly all thesior economies. G7 infla-tioell from over 5 per cent at the ginning of last year to ab 3 per cent now.

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speed by increasing internal rat and Germany has now md into recession. As a conjuence, other European econies are experiencing higreal interest rates and welfomestic demand.

falling inflation, and the cut interest rates that have ally taken place in North Arica and Japan, will in time lean a pick-up of confidence anemand. And as the under-lyitevel of German inflation ab. I expect to see reduc-tio in European interest

P in the seven major econies is projected to grow by at 1½ per cent in 1992, anorld trade by about 4 per cerve can expect more rapid. gro in later years as the recy gains momentum.

Se have argued that de-layrecovery in the US, and the wdowns in Japan and Eue, are not just a cyclical phenenon, of the kind we haveen before, but herald soning much more serious. It ild be irresponsible for any in my position simply to ignisuch claims.

H do not believe they are webunded. I believe that gomens have learned the less of the past. Above all, theecognise that nothing code more damaging to the workconomy than a relapse introtectionism, of the sort that saw in the 1930s.

Tied a crucial challenge for governents is not merely to proje the current world trad-ingder, but to extend it. Ununately, not all of our

community partners see this as clearly as we in Britain do. But narrow sectional interests must not be allowed to prevent the current Gatt negotiations reaching a rapid and successful conclusion. The prosperity of the world in the decades ahead rests squarely on the freedom to

#### Price rises slow down

The most significant development in the British econonly over the last year has been the sharp and sustained reduc-tion in inflation. Retail price inflation has fallen to around 4 per cent, close to the German level, while underlying pro-ducer price inflation is at its lowest level for a generation.

Average earnings, 100, are rising at the lowest rate for 25 years, suggesting that, after a decade of supply-side reform, the British fabour market is operating far more effectively than before. This august well for employment prospects in the longer term.

But, as elsewhere in the world, activity and demand in Britain have been weak. The rapid increase in demand in the late 1980s, fuelled by a sharp fall in saving and large increases in indebtedness, made a period of adjustment inevitable. Companies and households that borrowed extensively have reined in spending and repaid debt in response to higher inverse rates.

Following a substantial reduction in interest rates, there were clear signs of renewed growth in the late summer and early autumn of last year—not just in confidence surveys, but also in the figures for retail sales and economic activity more generally. But, as in the United States, the recovery here was not sustained.

The effect on the British economy of recent world developments, and particularly those in the United States. cannot simply be measured by the adverse consequences for British exports. British firms have factories and offices abroad — indeed, our invest-ment in the United States is higher than that of any other country. Conditions in one country, can and do affect. country can and do affect-So unexpected weakness in the rest of the world has taken its toll on confidence in Britain, discouraging investment and stock-building. Over the year as a whole, GDP fell by nearly 2.5 per cent, a). Sper cent more than my forecast of a year ago.

As inflation in Britain has fallen, so too have interest rates. And that has put money in the pockets of mortgage payers. Indeed, a typical family with a £30,000 mortgage is now more than 15 per cent better off in

than 15 per cent better off in real teoris, than in October 1990—nearly £30 a week. That represents a considerable stock

of pent-up spending power, which will, in time, feed

through to stronger consumer spending.

the third successive year, de-spite the world slowdown. And

I expect further gains in the future as lower inflation leads to

The current account deficit

Even with the resumption of

growth, unemployment is likely to go on rising for some time. But, while the increases will-

moderate over the months ahead, a sustained reduction in

unemployment over the longer term will depend crucially on our success in keeping inflation down. And the prospects for

that are better than at any time

I expect retail price inflation

to fall decisively below 4 percent by the end of the year and

to be close to 3 per cent by the middle of 1993.

Production price inflation will be even lower, down to 2

per cent by the end of this year and to 1.5 per cent by the middle of 1993.

Beating

inflation

A whole generation has grown

up to accept inflation as an unalterable fact of life. But we

in recent economic history.

improved competitiveness.

Output will also be boosted by stronger export growth as the world economy recovers. Our share of world trade in manufactures rose in 1991 for

investment in the SC from the US and Japan comes to the UK. Those investors recognise that Britain, with its low taxes, good industrial relations and stable currency, is the right place to come to exploit the opportunities of the single European market. Whether or not the United kingdom decides to participate in a move to a single European currency, we will be among those who meet the strict conditions required for entry. The government believes that these conditions provide a valuable framework for setting policy in the medium term. Interest rates fall

Most independent forecasters Most independent forecasters agree that 1992 will see the resumption of economic growth. The recovery is expected to start slowly, but to gather pace. I expect growth in the year to the second half of 1992 to be almost 2 per cent. The level of GDP for this year as a whole should be about 1 per cent higher than last.

As inflation in Britain has the medium term. And that means that mone-tary policy is primarily directed at the maintenance of sterling's parity within the exchange-rate

mechanism. In due course we will move to the narrow band of the ERM, at the current central rate of 2.95 DM.

Since ERM entry was an-nounced in October 1990 ster-ling has remained within its permitted ERM bands, while interest rates have been re-duced by 4.5 per cent. The differential between United Kingdom and German interest rates is now at its lowest for a rates is now at its lowest for a

rates is now at its lowest for a decade.

In common with all the major countries within the ERM I shall set a domestic mometary target. Mo, the narrow measure of money, has stayed comfortably within the range I set in the last Budget. For the year ahead I propose to continue the target range for narrow money of 0 to 4 per cent. This is consistent with a further fall in inflation combined with a recovery in output. bined with a recovery in output. I shall continue to watch closely other indicators of monetary conditions, including broad money and asset prices.

#### for last year was about 64-2 billion, 0.75 per cent of GDP. As domestic demand recovers, the deficit is likely to widen a little this year. At 1 per cent of GDP for the year as a whole, it will be easily financeable. A DE CONTROL OF THE **PSBR will** hit £28bn

I turn now to the public sector finances. The slowdown in the world economy over the last year has led to larger budget deficits in most industrial coun-tries. Tax revenues and spending on some social security programmes largely depend-upon the level of economic activity. So, in a recession, tax receipts are lower, while social security spending rises.

Bur, thanks to my predecessors, we in Britain have the great advantage of having a ratio of government debt to GDP that is very low, by both historical and international standards. Indeed, the general government debt burden is lower in the UK than in any other. Suppress Community other European Community country, bar Luxembourg. That means that a rise in borrowing in response to cy-clical pressures will not jeopardise the government's firm commitment to sound

The objective of fiscal policy remains to balance the budget are now making steady progress towards price stability — an environment in which the decisions of businesses and

underlying position is sound, underlying position is sound, and the budget moves back towards balance as the economy recovers. Indeed prices. Intration has been the scourge of our economy for decades; and its defeat, not just here but elsewhere in Europe, will represent a tremendous achievement, bringing enormous benefits to British businesses and families. good economic sense to allow the level of government borrowing to vary in this way over the business cycle.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the

Exchequer, began his 1992 Budget

for one hour and ten minutes

match or better the inflation performance of our community

The challenge before us is not to provide some artificial short-

term stimulus to the economy.
It is to continue the supply-side reforms of the 1980s. Low tax and light government have produced an economic environ-

ment which spurs competition and newards enterprise. Our job now is to build on them to

help people and businesse make the most of recovery. An

that will be the theme of my Budget today.

Between 1979 and the end of

point in the 1970s.

As a result we have seen exceptional growth in manufacturing productivity — faster than in any other G7 country in

the 1980s. Industrial relations have been transformed. Fewer

days were lost to industrial action in 1991 than in any year

The confidence of foreign investors in Britain's renewed economic strength is demonstrated by our continued high share of inward investment. Almost half of the direct investment in the SC from the

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kick-start demand.

speech at 3.31pm yesterday. He spoke

For the year ending in April, I expect a PSBR of a little under E14 billion, or 24 per cent of GDP. The rise in the forecast since the Autumn Statement is There are those who would put this at risk by seeking to pump up demand. But I am not prepared to take steps which would call into question the government's determination to match or butter the inflation. since the Atomin's Statement is due for the most part to the impact of weaker activity on revenues, rather than to higher public spending. Indeed, planned public expenditure this year is likely to be a little below the level I set in last year's Roders. And even if it were thought desirable it is not remotely feasible for government to try to target the level of demand month by month or quarter by quarter. Having made such progress in getting inflation down, it would be tragic now to throw it all away with an illuided or ill-timed attempt to lick-start demand.

Since the full impact of the recession, on both tax revenues and public expenditure, feeds through only with a time lag, the PSBR will increase further in 1992-93. Taking account of the measures I am announce today, my forecast implies a PSBR next year of some 4½ per cent of GDP, about £28 billion.

cent of GDP, about E28 billion.

As I have said, the increased horrowing requirement reflects the delayed impact of weaker activity over the last year. Even so, I expect it to be rather lower than that of Germany, and less than half the level seen in Britain following the recession in the mid-1970s. The ratio of conservinces debt in GDP will government debt to GDP will rise sightly next year. But our debt burden will remain very low by international standards. And as the economy recovers, and growth gathers pace, the PSBR will move back towards balance, and the debt burden will resume its downward

1990, the number of businesses rose by almost a third. Even during the recession capital spending on plant and machinery has remained higher as a proportion of GDP than at any During 1991-2 the borrow ing requirement has been fully funded, and that policy will continue over the year ahead. An increased amount will be funded through National Sav-ings. A new product, a guar-anteed growth bond designed to appeal to taxpayers, will be launched in the summer.

The prosperity of this country does not stem from government, but from the enserprise and initiative of the British people and of British business. A recurrent thems of the Butish gets delivered by my distinguished predecessors has been the desire to create a framework in which communic decisions. are taken on their own merits, and not in response to distortions created by the tax system. In continuing that tradition today, my Budget will ensure that recovery is not based on terms chart-term boost from some short-term boost from government, but on the de-cisions taken by the private

The proposals I shall be presenting today should be seen in the context of the benefits business will receive from the measures 1- announced last year. In my last Budget, I cut the main rate of corporation tax the main rate of corporation tax by a full 2 percentage points, to 33 per cent, for profits earned in the 1991 financial year. That has given Britain a lower rate of corporation tax than any of our major competitors. And 1 pro-pose to leave it unchanged for the year ahead.

Because corporation fact is paid in arrears, companies will only feel the full impact of last year's cut in the coming year. Combined with the other corporation tax measures I announced last year, it will benefit businesses by some £1 billion in 1992-3.

And in my autumn statement I announced substantial increases in public sector investment. In the financial year beginning April I investment in roads and public transport will be £5 billion, and capital spending on the National Health Service will be more than £2 billion. Next year, public sector asset creation—in other words total investment spending by the public sector—will amount to nearly £30 billion. And in my autumn statement

Over the last decade, this government has fully demonstrated its commitment to infrastructure.

and it would be wholly wrong to allow the impact of the recession on the fiscal deficit to-lead to cuts in our long-term investment programmes, as occurred in the 1970s.

But it would be equally wrong to expect public investment or an ever-expanding public sec-tor to lead the recovery. The recovery will only be sustainable if it is led by the private sector. Investment does not take place in a vacuum. Good quality private sector investment will come not from artificial subsidies or incentives, but in response to consumer demand.

One suggestion that has been put to me is that I should raise furst-year capital allowances. I have considered this propo-sition very carefully. I would be as concerned as anyone if I thought that the corporation tax system, introduced in 1984, was acting as a drag on profit-able investment. But, on average, the current

tax rules allow tapital invest-ment to be written off more quickly than economic depreci-ation would imply. And, in ation would impty. And, in current circumstances, any general increase in capital allowances would primarily benefit large and profitable businesses. Moreover, given the way the corporation tax system works, these benefits would not flow through into companies tash flow until the year after near



Tory cheer: John Major and David Mellor, chief secretary to the Treasury, enjoy a moment of triumph as Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, announces that there will be no change in VAT

And the evidence suggests And the evidence suggests that the cost of higher capital allowances to the Enchequer would be several times greater than the resulting increase in investment over the next few years. I have therefore concluded that, whatever its superficial attractions, an increase in capital allowances would not be sensible use of the resources.

#### **Business** helped

There is a far better way to belp business this year. I have decided to bring forward proposals that will be of early benefit to some 900,000 nondomestic properties, large and small, throughout the United Kingdom.

Business in England and Wales has gained much from the introduction of the uniform business rate in 1990. During the 1980s, when business rates were set by local authorities, poundages in England rose on automate his case; 37 per, cent average by over 37 per cent more than inflation. Under the

In some cases, however, the changes in bills have been substantial, and many businesses have faced a difficult adjustment. That is why, when we introduced the uniform business rate, the government eased the transmon by phasing in the least of those who faced large changes in their bills.

But I am well aware that many of the businesses which face large increases next year have also been hard hin by the recession. I have therefore decided that their burdens should not be compounded by real increases in business rates.

The government proposes to amend the transitional acrangements already enacted for next year's business rates in England and Wales to ensure that no business property will face a real increase in rates next year. The bills for properties protected by the transitional arrangements will increase by no more than the rate of inflation, like those for other properties. 500,000 business properties in England and Wales will benefit at a cost to the Enchequer of £320 million in 1992-3. The present statutory limits on real annual increases in rate bills will apply again from 1993-4. Since such increases will be a further cost of £220 million in 1993-4.

The present rules mean that that no business property will

The present rules mean that new occupiers are not eligible for transitional relief. As the property market has weakened, this has made it more difficult for businesses to move. I therefore propose to allow businesses occupying new premises after midnight tonight to inherit the transitional protection avail-able to the previous occupier, at a further cost of about £25 million. This should help to increase mobility and unlock the property market.

But it would be wrong to concentrate help on those businesses who lose from the new arrangements. While the transitional arrangements have postponed losses for some com-panies, they have also delayed the gains for those who did worst out of the old system. 1 believe that businesses should see the full benefits more rapidly. I therefore propose to accelerate their gains.

From 1993-4 onwards, I propose that all businesses gaining from the 1990 reforms should be allowed to have their gains in full. So, by then, no business will be paying higher business rates than it should be doing under the automate at the state of the second control of the second contr doing under the new system.

And, in the coming year, I propose that the maximum reductions in the rate bills of the painers should be ruised to 22 per cent in real terms for large properties and to 27 per cent for small properties. Those limits are nine percentage points higher than in the current year. One hundred and lifty thou-sand business properties in England and Wales will benefit at a revenue cost of £85 million

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These changes will not reduce the income of local authorities. Subject to parliament's approval, the govern-ment will pay extra money into the non-domestic rates pool to make good the shortfall in business rates revenue. These payments will not add to public

The government will in-troduce special legislation as soon as practicable to im-plement these proposals. In the meantime, local authorities should send out bills and collect business rates in accordance with the existing legislation and

regulations.

Business rate bills on properties in transition will be cut, and adjustment made for earlier higher levels of payment, when Parliament has approved the legislation and local authorities can send out the new lower bills.

The proposals i have outlined will apply to business properties in England and Wales, reducing the total business rates bill next year by 3.25 per cent. Scotland and Northern Ireland each have different arrangements for business rates. The government proposes that their total rates bills next year should likewise be reduced by 3.25 per cent. The Scottish and North-ten Imple temperature will be announcing the details.

These measures will bring significant and early benefit to many thousands of businesses throughout the United Kingdom. The revenue cost will be £480 million in 1992-3 and £590 million in 1993-4, but will fall away rapidly in subsequent years.

#### Burden eased

My proposals on the UBR will be of particular benefit to small businesses — the lifeblood of a businesses — the lifeblood of a modern economy. Small businesses have been at the heart of the supply side revolution in this country over the last decade. The result has been a new economic dynamism, with increased competition and a more flexible labour market.

I nevitably, taxation and regulation bear most heavily on small firms. So I have considered carefully what measures I can take to ease that burden, and in particular to ease the cash flow of small businesses.

Last year I raised the value-added tax registration thresh-old by some 40 per cent. This year I propose to increase the threshold in line with inflation, to £36,600.

135,000 traders, one-third of all those eligible, now use the cash accounting scheme for VAT, which allows small firms to delay their VAT payments until they themselves have been paid. I can now announce that the rules will be relaxed to allow traders owing less than £5,000 to Customs to use cash accounting. I hope this will encourage many more traders to take advantage of this excellent

My decision last year to allow small employers to pay income tax and national insurance deducted at source on a quar-terly rather than monthly basis was wider than monthly basis was wider welcomed by small employers. I propose to raise the qualifying limit to £450 a month. That will mean that nearly 750,000 employers will be able to make payments quarterly rather than monthly.

But one problem arouses more anger in the small business community than any other. I have every sympathy for small companies who find that their larger debtors are deliberately delaying payment to boost their own cashflow. Such properties are wholly deployable. practices are wholly deplorable.

And while there is no easy solution, my colleagues and I have looked hard at what the government can do to help.

I have a number of proposals to announce.

panies to state in their annual report and accounts how quickly they pay. Second, the Lord Chancellor will be proposing simpler procedures in small claims and debt recovery cases.

And, third, I want to see the

government's good record on the payment of its bills ex-tended to firms who win govemment contracts. From next month, those successfully negotiating a contract with a government department will be required to include clauses in their own contracts with subtheir own contracts with sub-contractors which provide for the prompt payment of bills, ordinarily within 30 days of receiving a valid invoice. It believe that government has set a good example. And I hope large companies will follow.

For businesses facing cash-flow difficulties, VAT penalties can be the last straw. It has

can be the last straw. It has been put to me on many occasions that the VAT penalty regime is too strict. The serious misdeclaration penalty is carching too many minor mistakes. That must stop. In future, customs will not normally charge penalties on under-declarations of tax of up to £2,000. That will take over three quarters of cases out of the penalty regime, although the penalty regime, although the largest mistakes will still be Last year, I reduced the rate

of penalty from 30 to 20 per cent. I now propose to cut it further, to 15 per cent. But there are other aspects of the regime which require more consideration, and customs are issuing today a further con-sultation document on the op-tions for longer-term reform.

I believe that the highest rates of default surcharge levied on traders who submit late VAT returns or payments cannot be justified. I therefore propose to reduce the maximum rate from 30 to 20 per cent. These measures, taken together, will reduce the penalties business might otherwise have had to pay customs by £35 million next

One of the other complaints I have heard most frequently over the years is that it is unjust that taxpayers cannot be awarded costs when they apawarded custs when they ap-peal before the special commis-sioners. I now propose to introduce a measure which would give the Lord Chancellor power to make new rules about the hearing of appeals, including the powers to award costs where either party has acted wholly unreasonably.

#### MHERITANCE TAX More relief

for firms

I have one final change to announce which will be of substantial benefit, particularly

I propose to take most family businesses out of inheritance tax altogether. This will cost £10 million in 1992-3, and £25 million in 1993-4. Relief from inheritance tax

for interests in unincorporated businesses, shareholdings greater than 25 per cent in unquoted companies, and for working farmers will be in-creased from 50 to 100 per

securities market, which are generally less liquid than shares with a full stock market quotation, will from today be treated like unquoted shares. That means that shareholdings of over 25 per cent will also generally be free from IHT.

For shareholdings of 25 per cent or less in unquoted com-panies, and for agricultural landlords, the rate of relief will rise from 30 per cent to 50 per cent. The 50 per cent relief will also extend to smaller shareholdings in USM com-panies and to controlling shareholdings in quoted companies.

Inheritance and capital are no longer a privilege of the wealthy few. Ordinary families want to be able to pass on the First, the government pro-poses to require larger com-their lives to their children.

without an excessive proportion being taken by tax. Over the years to come. I shall continue to look for ways of lightening the burden of inher-

And this year I propose to raise the threshold for inheritance tax by more than inflation, to £150,000. This will cost about £10 million 1992-93.

I intend to raise the threshold for capital gains tax in line with inflation, to £5,800.

Taken together, the measures that I am proposing on busi-ness rates, on VAT and on inheritance tax will be of very substantial benefit to British business as a whole and to small business in particular in the

#### SINGLE WARKET Company

tax review Over the last year I have received many representations about surplus advance corporation tax. ACT is paid by companies when they pay dividends. It serves two purposes first, to discharge the payment towards the compa-ny's own corporation tax liabil-ity. But some companies paying dividends out of loreign profits taxed abroad find that they are now paying more ACT than they can set against UK tax.

This is a significant problem for those affected. But it is also highly complex, and huge amounts of revenue are potentially at stake. A satisfactory and lasting solution will need to address the ways in which different national systems of corporation tax interact. This is corporation the subject of a review. currently the subject of a review sponsored by the European commission, and it is clearly an issue to which the government will have to return.

And its importance is of course increased by the abolition, from the first of January 1993, of fiscal frontiers within the European community. That will give British business access to the largest home market in the world

But it will also necessitate a number of technical changes to our VAT and excise systems. As I announced last October, one consequence of the single mar-ket is that businesses who import from other EC countries

will pay VAT on those imports later than they do now, giving some 90,000 businesses a welcome cashflow benefit.

This change will add substantially to the PSBR in 1992-3. I therefore announced last year that, from this autumn, the largest VAT payers—those who paid over £2 million in VAT in 1990-1—would be required to submit VAT returns. required to submit VAT returns monthly rather than quarterly

It has been put very forcefully to me that the requirement for monthly returns would place an undue administrative burden on the businesses concerned. I have listened carefully to these representations, and I now inlend to take steps to allay the concerns raised by those affected.

I have asked customs to implement a system of monthly payments on account for these large businesses. But I propose to allow them to continue to submit returns quarterly. This will avoid the requirement to fill in VAT returns every month. while still off-setting the cost to the Exchequer of postponed accounting for imports. Compared to my original proposal for monthly returns, payments on account will cost the Exchequer form. chequer some £200 million in 1992-3, with a corresponding benefit to the businesses con-cerned. I will be bringing forward legislation to establish the basis for these new arrangements.

I also propose to introduce legislation to prevent the business tax rules being manipu-lated to secure an unjustifiable tax deferment when rent is paid

# Tax cut 'will benefit those on low incomes'

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between connected persons. The manipulation which has already occurred has involved tax of some hundreds of millions of pounds. This loophole will be closed immediately.

I have one change to make to the Business Expansion Scheme. It has been put to me that the BES could play a valuable part in helping to ease the problem of mortgage repossessions. At present, com-panies can use the BES to acquire empty repossessed houses, but there are complications if the houses are still occupied. I propose to make it easier for the BES to be used for mortgage rescue schemes, where owner-occupiers in difficulties wish to stay in their homes as assured tenants. This will add to the impact of the measures I announced in December to help the housing

But I have also looked closely But I have also looked closely at the entire rationale behind the Business Expansion Scheme, which is an exceptionally generous tax relief. When Sir Geoffrey Howe introduced it in 1983, the venture capital industry was in its infancy, and there was concern that the investment needs of that the investment needs of small firms were not well under-

The BES has been extremely successful. Over £2 billion has been raised and invested in qualifying schemes of all kinds. And Britain now has a venture capital industry the equal of that anywhere in the world, outside the United States. But the provisions of the Business Expansion Scheme have be-come ever more complex. And nowadays only a small part of the total invested goes to small

As Nigel Lawson made clear when they were introduced, the BES provisions for assured tenancies were intended to expire at the end of 1993. I have decided that it is unnecessary to continue the Business Expansion Scheme beyond that date, not only for assured tenancies. not only for assured tenancies, but for other investments as well. BES will therefore come to an end on December 3 1 1993. As I have said, it has fulfilled a useful purpose. But its removal will significantly improve the neutrality of the tax system. And some 45 pages of complex legislation will be removed from the statute book. the statute book.

As a result of my announce-ment today, there is likely to be some acceleration in invest-ment, which will be welcome. In the long run there will be a substantial saving, perhaps £130 million a year.

Last year, I made it clear that I was concerned about the position of the British film industry and that I would consider carefully any further proceeds that the industry. proposals that the industry

brought forward. I have done so. Although a special tax regime already exists, the in-dustry has long argued that the provisions for writing off expen-diture do not fully take account of their special circumstances. of their special circumstances,

and in particular of the cashflow problems that may be caused by the sometimes lengthy gap between the completion of a film and its release. I propose two measures to alleviate the position.

First, relief for pre-produc-tion expenditure will be available as it is incurred. And second, production expenditure will be available for write-off at a fixed rate of one third each year, on a straight-line basis, starting immediately on the completion of the film. This will have cost about £5 million in the first year, and around £15 in

#### Tax based on price

The rcotor industry is and will remain at the very heart of British manufacturing.

Facing a sharp fall in domesracing a snarp fall in domes-tic demand over the last year, the industry responded in ex-actly the right way, by switch-ing production to exports, which rose by 20 per cent in 1991. The fall in domestic sales should not be allowed to obscure this growing strength, which should make Britain a net exporter of cars by 196 for the first time since 1974.

None the less, I recognise that the last year has been a difficult one, and the measures
I am proposing today will help
the industry, while building on
and continuing the reform of
the taxation of cars that I and my predecessors have

Before the 1988 Budget, the car scale charges — the income tax charge on those who have the benefit of a company car — were too low. Since then, we have moved much closer to realistic levels. I propose this year to increase the scale charges only in line with inflation. Otherwise, the real value of the tax payable would fall.

But there are still aspects of the car scale charges which are both arbitrary and unfair. For most cars, the tax payable is determined not by reference to the value of the car, but rather by the car's engine size. As the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has pointed out, this causes distortions. It also discriminates against diesel cars. The unfairness in the current system may have been current system may have been acceptable when the tax charge was only a fraction of the true

Yesterday's Budget certainly heralded a few

But whatever the Chancellor's plans for the

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value to the user, but that is no

We need a system that better measures the value of the benefit. That means basing the tax charge on the price of the car. not its engine size. I therefore propose to introduce pricebased scales as soon as practicable.

The Inland Revenue will be publishing a consultative document in the summer on the details and timing of such a

The car fuel scales, which measure the taxable benefit of free private fuel provided by the employer, have remained frozen since 1987. I propose to increase the scale for free petrol by 4.5 per cent. But at the moment, we apply the same charge to diesel as to petrol, even though the cash value of free diesel is less. That means the fuel scales are too high for diesel cars. So I propose to introduce a new, and significantly lower, scale for diesel, bringing the tax charge closer into line with the value of the benefit

While the income tax treatment of cars has until recent years been much too generous, in other ways cars have been the subject of discriminatory tax treatment. I have some changes to announce that will reduce that discrimination, and provide a boost for all businesses buying cars and for the car industry itself.

First, companies that offered their employees the alternative of cash or a car have found themselves liable to pay VAT on the salary forgone by those who chose the car. That is clearly nonsensical. I shall be laying on order to make clear beyond doubt that from April 1 a VAT charge will no longer be imposed in these so-called salary sacrifice cases.

Second, the capital allow-ances available for business cars are currently restricted for cars costing more than £8,000. This limit is now unrealistically low and I pro-pose to increase it to £12,000, enabling full capital allowances to be given on most business cars. This measure will cost £50 million in 1993-4, building up to £220 million when the change has its maximum effect. But the revenue cost in the long term will be small.

At present, most taxi and car hire firms and driving schools cannot recover the VAT they pay on their cars even though their cars are

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Party faithful: Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, showing his approval after a pre-Budget cabinet meeting yesterday

their businesses. I propose to end this anomaly from August 1, at a cost of £50 million in 1992-3. These measures will go a me

way towards improving the neutrality of the tax system as it affects care purchased by busi-

nesses. But I have one further measure to announce, which will affect all those buying new

In 1973, car tax was introduced, to make up the difference between VAT and the former purchase tax. It has remained unchanged at 10 per cent of the wholesale price ever time. This tax distours comsince. This tax distorts con-sumer spending, and car manufacturers have long com-plained that our taxes on new cars are higher than those of

This government has always sought to reduce distortions in the tax system, and I therefore propose to reduce car tax by half, to 5 per cent, from mid-night tonight. This will directly reduce the tax burden on all reduce the tax burden on all new cars. I trust that car dealers will respond by passing the full benefit of this reduction—about £400 on a typical family car—to the buyer. The halving of car tax will cost about £635 million in 1992-3, and £765 million in the following user.

# 1 p on pint

of beer

# I turn now to excise duties. Last year I raised the duties on alcohol in line with inflation,

alcohol in line with inflation, and I propose to do the same this year. From 6pm tonight, this will mean an increase in the tax on a typical pint of beer of just over 1p, just under 5p on a bottle of wine and 28p on a bottle of spirits. I also propose to raise the duty on unleaded petrol and on diesel in line with inflation.

On leaded petrol, I propose a On leaded petrol, I propose a rather larger increase, of 7.5 per cent, taking the tax differential between leaded and unleaded petrol to over 5 pence a litte. This will continue our long-standing and successful policy of encouraging motorists to move away from leaded petrol, which now represents little more than half the market. I propose to increase Vehicle Excise Duty on cars, taxis and light vans, by £10, and to freeze it again this year for lorries.

I propose to raise the duty on tobacco by about 10 per cent roughly the same real increase as last year. That will add 13p to the price of a packet of 20. The duties on other tobacco products will also rise by about 10 per cent, apart from that on pipe tobacco which will rise only in line with inflation. Reniamin Franklin once said Benjamin Franklin once said that nothing was certain except death and taxes. But for some people, the latter can help to delay the former. As for the irreconcilables - amongst whom I count myself - I have one minor compensation. I propose to abolish from January 1 1993 the duty charged on matches and mechanical

I also have a change to announce on betting duty, with consequences for the racing try. I propose to cut the rate of betting duty by 0.25 per-cent, reducing the tax take by

£15 million in 1992-3. The Home Secretary will be Home Secretary will be announcing later today his determination of the horse race betting levy and he will be making proposals to ensure that the greater part of this reduction will be channelled to the horse racing industry.

That is an important part of this measure. I shall review the cut in betting duty next year.

A proportion of the reduc-tion, of course, will be attributable to betting on grey-hound racing. I hope that voluntary arrangements can be found to direct some of this money to help the greyhound racing industry, and the home secretary will be exploring the possibilities with interested

I should also tell honourable

members quite dearly what I am not doing. I know that there is particular concern about the European Commission's proposals on the taxation of al-cohol. But, let me make it clear Onc. But, at the make it created in a Brussels that would ride roughthod over the interests of the British cider industry. Nor will be a supply that the british cider industry. I accept a deal that would allow other member states to con-tinue to levy no excise duty on wine which they make, but forces them to put up duties on spirits which we make. Over the past 13 years, we have introduced a number of measures directed at encouraging charitable giving. We introduced the payroll-giving scheme. We have extended and widened VAT reliefs. And the

Prime Minister, when he was Chancellor, introduced the gift aid scheme. Gift aid allows tax relief on one-off donations of £600 or more. And it has been a considerable success — charities have received nearly £200

million in income under the

scheme. I propose that from July I 1992 the minimum gift should be reduced to £400, the figure proposed by the Council for Charitable Support and the Charities Tax Reform Group. I shall not so further because I shall not go further, because I know that some charities are concerned that to do so might reduce the attraction of regular giving through charitable coverance.

But I propose some changes to the arrangements for tax relief on charitable covenants, intended to reduce administrathem to maintain a steady and reliable flow of income. And I propose a number of minor improvements to the VAT reliefs available to charities and for aids to the disabled.

#### Peps limit scrapped

Savings are a passport to per-sonal independence and sec-urity; the very foundation of a property-owning democracy. That is why over the last decade this Government has set out to lighten the burden of taxation

We have reduced the basic and higher rates of income tax. and abolished the investment income surcharge. We have extended savings incentives to the mass of ordinary taxpaying savers by introducing Tessas, which allow people to invest up to £9,000 over five years in a bank or building society

We have also introduced new and popular incentives to invest in shares. In 1986 we introduced Peps, to enhance the attraction of investment in shares, by making the income and capital gains from them free of tax. Today I want to improve Peps still further, by removing the £3,000 limit on the amount that can be invested propose that from April people should be able to invest up to

We do not see the returns to savings as "unearned income", to be taxed more heavily than earned income. On the con-trary, we will continue to lighten the burden of tax on

the full £6,000 a year in qualifying investment and unit trusts. This new opportunity — which will cost £10 million in 1993-4 will provide further en-couragement to Peps, and help to small savers.

savings, and to broaden the range of investments which receive savings incentives.

#### wegistowejs Income support up

from our encouragement of savings than pensioners. In the 1980s, most pensioners saw their real incomes rise sharply, as inflation fell and the value of occupational pensioner rose. On average, pensioners' real in-comes increased by more than a third between 1979 and 1988. More than half of pensioners now have a second pension; and pensioners have seen their income from saving double since 1979.

I propose that the income tax allowances for the over-65s — both the personal allowances and the married couple's allow-ances — should increase in line with inflation. The income limit for the accompleted allowances for the age-related allowances will also increase in line with

Increases in the age allow-ances can, of course, only benefit those pensioners who pay tax. But this year I also wanted to help the less fortu-nate pensioners — those whose savings have been eroded over the years by inflation; those who have only modest occurational have only modest occupational pensions; and those who retired too early to take advantage of the growth of Serps.

Less October, the Secretary of State for Social Security announced that the income support rates for pensioners would be increased this April by at least 7 per cent. And there were controlled to the secretary of the secretary for disabled. extra increases for disabled pensioners and the over-80s.

I now propose a further acrease in income support increase in income support rates, of E2 for single pensioners and £3 for pensioner couples.
When this comes into effect, in
October, all pensioners on income support will be at least
£5.75 a week bener off than as much as £10.70 a week better off. In total, some five million people will benefit. And it will bring the real increase in spending on benefits for poorer pensioners since 1989 to more

The cost, some £145 million 1992-93, and £305 million in the following year, will be financed from within the existing public expenditure plans.

than £700 million

#### Choice for couples

Turning now to income tax more generally. I do not pro-pose this year to increase the basic rate firmit, the level of taxable income above which people begin to pay higher rate tax. Compared with indexation this will save £180 million in 1992-3 and £290 million the following year.

Nor de I propose any increase in the married couple crease in the married couple's allowance for couples under 65 or the allowances that are linked to it. But I do have one significant change to an-nounce. The introduction of independent taxation in 1990 brought privacy and indepen-dence to married women, by ending the rule that a wife's income was assumed to be her husband's. This change was widely welcomed. However, it did not eliminate completely the discriminatory features of the old system.

At present the husband re-ceives the benefit of the married couple's allowance unless his income is too low to make use of . That means that the husband's tax allowances are almost always greater than those of his wife. It also means that couples where the wife is a higher rate taxpayer and the husband is not pay more tax than couples where the husband is the higher rate taxpayer. This cannot be right to be a second to the higher rate taxpayer. This cannot be right to be a second to the higher rate taxpayer. This cannot be right to be a second to the higher rate taxpayer. This cannot be right to be a second to the seco payer. This cannot be right. It is hardly surprising that the MCA has been described by some working women as the Male Charrinist Allowance.

I propose to change this system. From 1993-4, couples will have a choice. If they take no action, the husband will continue to receive the MCA as

now. They will be able toerde that the wife should recre he whole allowance, or th they should split it. Or the we vill be able to claim half at I ovn request. This measure whive only a small effect on reviu-£10 million in 1993-4 -but it will make the tax systemmch fairer to married womer

This Government has tishe basic rate of income tab 8 pence since we took one in 1979, to 25 pence.

And, as the House knes we are committed to reducgihe basic rate to 20 pence, and when it is prudent to co. I reaffirm that comment

For the year ahead, I ofose that the personal allvince should be uprated only line with inflation. It will ri from E3,295 to E3,445. But 2 ing reflected carefully on thosortitles for this year's Buga. I have decided that for t year ahead it is right to les the basic rate at 25 pencer the

But I de believe that is possible, desirable and deed prudent to take a submial step this year towards o gozi of a 20 pence basic rater all

desirable that anyone ming more than their personallowances should start pay! in-come tax at a rate of per cent. With national insance contributions on top that means that the Government takes a third of every ea flearned even from the locald In my view that is sim too much; and I believe that: can and should reduce that bden.

So I propose this year cut the rate of income tax five pence, to 20 pence, for t first £2,000 of taxable incomThis will benefit every taxper in the country. But it will of proportionately expert selfit proportionately greater selfit to those on low incomesad in represents a decisive firstep towards the governant's objective of a 20 pencessic

In the next Parliam: we will gradually move cer to that goal. We will be able do this in two possible ways ther by extending the width the 20 pence band, so that iwers increasing numbers obtain increasing numbers obasic rate taxpayers, or by recing the basic rate itself.

But next year nearly 4 illion people on low incom will already be paying tax ly at the 20p rate. Their inco tax bill will be cut by a fifth

That will improve the work incentives and make more worth while for those I currently in work to take werpaid jobs.

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will see their startingte of main see their startingle of the reduced to 20 pencion-bined with the indecatiof the personal allowance, this will reduce taxes for thearge majority of taxpayers byleast \$2.64 a week.

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# Kinnock condemns election 'bribery'

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Mr Kinnock said that bor-

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The difference between borrowing for investment in

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If the Chancellor thought it was right to compromise our

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The government had no excuse. In 13 years, despite. £100 billion of oil revenues, £40 billion of income from privatisation and revenues from the higher tax burden. the best the Chancellor could do was to forecast a paltry 1 per cent growth, further rises in unemployment, a growing deficit and a PSBR of £28 billion, double this year's.

What a terrible confession Mr Lamont had been forced to make of mismanagement, of getting the finances of the country into a parlous state. Even now it was doubtful if. he was making a dependable forecast or just indicating "green shoots" — the equiva-lent of pink elephants.

Mr Lamont had started. last year by promising recovery would begin round the middle of the year. He said that output would increase by about 2 per cent and anticipated a revival in consumer confidence and a budget deficit of £8 billion. Output had fallen. There had been no revival in confidence and the deficit was £14 billion. His forecast had turned out to be "complete fiction".

People had lost jobs, businesses and homes, but the Chancellor said he would not have acted differently. He still regarded unemployment and recession as a price well worth paying. "He is sticking to his economic guns when they are trained on the people of his own country."

Labour would next week be



Measure for measure: Neil Kinnock, at the dispatch box, gives his qualified welcome to the Chancellor's Budget

taxes now was the best way to stimulate the economy into recovery, then he was wrong even about that. Some of the money would be used to reduce the heavy burden of personal debt rather than increasing economic activity and much would be spent on imports and not on generating jobs in Britain.

The government knew that

and was still borrowing for tax cuts in an economy which had a rising balance of payments deficit in spite of tax cuts. That demonstrated the government's desperation and irresponsibility. "If they did think that bor-

rowing for tex cuts was an effective way to promote recovery, why had they not done it last year, when the

recession was already nine months old, instead of waiting until now when it was 21 months old? Why not do it with 50,000 more companies still in existence; 100.000 more families still in their homes and, most of all, without 800,000 more people still in their jobs?

"The answer is obvious. The Chancellor did not take proposed falling on the next

action to combat recession then because there was not going to be an election just weeks after the Budget, Now an election looms and borrowing, which was yesterday's original sin, has become today's prudent virtue." The only way in which the Chancellor could stop the obligation for the borrowing he

generation was by taking back next year with both hands what he was giving away this year with one hand.

Borrowing for tax cuts would not improve the economy, strengthen recovery or improve public services. If borrowing went into consumption, it would increase inflation. The British people did not want to join again the treadmill they had been on for 13 years. The present government had never been able to produce a resilient recovery and had always relied on consumption-led recoveries which the present Chancellor had gone for. "They have been wrong for 13 years. They will not start getting it right now." The British people would not be deceived. They would not support the bribers: they would support the builders.

Sir David Steel, for the Liberal Democrats, made a plea for release of local authority capital raised by the sale of council houses so that they could build new and improve old council houses. His party's alternative pro-posals would cut unemployment by 400,000 In the first year and 600,000 in the succeeding year. It cost the government £8.500 in benefit a year for each person unemployed. In all the waste of public expenditure, there was no greater waste than on paying unemployment benefit.

#### Lamont opts to seduce voters ate edites at . . . .

By Ivor Crewe

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ne Budget's centrepiece he new 20 per cent rate s electorally clever. It efits every taxpayer but income tax payers — skilled workers and ofworkers on whom both ies depend for votes — helped proportionately most. By "giving away"
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only 6 per cent expected to

The credibility of Conservative claims to be on the way to a 20 per cent standard rate is less certain. dictions about the end of the recession and the wide-spread perception of Mr Lamont as a lightweight— he has one of the lowest ratings as a Chancellor in Gallup's 40-year records —

do not help. Nor do some of the more detailed measures. The above-inflationary inand vehicle excise duty will be particularly impopular and will come into effect before the income tax re-ductions. They hit hardest precisely those who benefit most from the income tan reduction - modest income households struggling to run a family car.
Higher duty on tobacco
and alcohol will be less unpopular, although most manual workers and their families smoke or drink Other special measures will help the Conservatives more. The extra help on business rates and car ran will probably be the excuse that wavering small business people were looking for to vote Conservative

again. Was the Chancellor being electorally perverse to ignore the polls that consistently report overwhelm-ingly majorities of voters in favour of higher spending on pensions, schools and hospitals rather than tax cuts and, by smaller major-ities, of reductions in VAT and poll tax rather than in

income tax? Probably not. Respondents know that higher spending is the "respectable" answer - how can one admit to putting personal tax benefits be-fore help for the old and the sick? For another, when the question is couched in terms of the respondent's family's interest, the major-ity of spenders over cutters falls markedly. Moreover, the question simply asks people to rank order two desireable outcomes: they might genuinely prefer more public spending without objecting to tax cuts.

Voters who are still undecided will judge the government on its overall competence, not its specific measures. By embedding the 20 per cent tax proposal within the government's long-term strategy, Mr Lamont probably helped in this regard. He decided, probably wisely, to seduce the voters rather than buy

Ivor Crewe is professor of government at the University of Essex.

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# Lower paid offered incentive to earn more

By DAVID LIPSEY

NORMAN Lamont's new 20p rate of tax will do more for the less well off than the widely canvassed alternative of a 1p cut in the basic rate. They would, however, have gained more if he had raised tax thresholds by more than the rate of inflation.

Mr Lamont announced that four million people would pay tax at only the 20p rate. He argued that tax and national insurance take more than a third of any income

# Some poor families 'worse off'

By Jeremy Laurance Social services Correspondent

PRESSURE groups for the low paid welcomed the new 20 pence tax band for people earning up to £2,000 over personal allowances, and the nelp for poorer pensioners.

But they deplored the lack of help for those under 65 who cannot work and gave warning that some families would be worse off.

Four million people earning up to £5.445 (for a single person) will see their income tax bills cut by a fifth, Mr Lamont said, worth £2.64 a week. But those on family credit have 70 pence withdrawn for every £1 reduction in tax, leaving them only 80 pence a week better off.

Calculations by the Low Pay Unit suggest that low-income families will be £1.56 a week worse off as a result of the increase in tax on drink, cigarettes, petrol and car tax. The unit says those not receiving family credit will be £1 a week better off but 250,000 families receiving it will be about 76 pence worse off

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The Child Poverty Action
Group said it was disappointed there was no increase in

above the tax allowance earned by low paid workers,

decreasing their incentive to

earn more. The change will

cut that rate to 29p in the pound.

The cut applies to the first £2,000 of taxable income above next year's £3,445 personal allowance and will reduce taxes by £100 a year for

all single taxpayers earning more than £5,445 a year.

This is less effective than a straight rise in allowances, the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies said. Edward Whitehouse, of the institute, said: "It is obviously better to raise allowances. That saves them all their taxes, while the reduced rate band saves them only 5p in the pound."

The Chancellor's income tax changes will do nothing for the worst off, he said. Up to a quarter of families pay no tax at all and are therefore

Imaffected.

The institute said that a lower rate band benefited two-earner families, who would receive the benefit of the new lower rate on two salaries. As two-earner families were, on average, better off than one-earner families, this meant that the benefits of the cut were by no means focused on the worst off.

Pensioners who do not have substantial income other than from the state, and who rely on income support from the social security department will receive an extra £2 a week for a single pensioner and an extra £3 a week for married pensioners from the autumn.

The Chancellor has made one egalitarian decision at the other end of the scale. The limit for basic rate tax is currently £23,700 a year. If this had risen in line with inflation, the figure would have been £24,800 in the next tax year. Instead, it has been frozen, costing higher rate taxpayers about £165 a year— £65 more than the higher rate taxpayer will gain with the reduced rate band.



Give and take: the Kendalls will be helped by the new 20p tax band, although the cost of running their two cars will increase

# Families say changes will make little difference

DAVID Kendall, a tyre fitter aged 44, and his 34-year-old wife Janet, who works for an accountancy firm, share the costs of their home and raising their three children, Paula, 13, Tina, 11 and Strang aight

Steven, eight.

He earns about £9,720 a year plus bonuses and his wife about £8,000, and another £97 a month comes into the household from child benefit. Both will benefit from the introduction of the 20p tax band which they believe will give them about £200 a year.

The costs of running their two cars, which both use leaded petrol, will increase as will the cost of their weekly night out and occassional visits to the pub on Sundays.

the scale. The rate tax is so slight, they are looking for an upturn in the economy and a cut in the interest rate of their £22,300 mortgage to make a noticeable difference in their living standards. Mrs Kendali said: "It is a shame that he had to give the tax cuts to everybord."

on low pay. But I do not see what else Mr Lamont could

have done.
"We will have a bit more money but the amount will be so minimal that it will make little real difference. We are still in a position where it is difficult to make ends meet and cannot afford to replace our elderly cars."

For Robert Chave, his wife and three children, the fam-

and three children, the family purse will be little affected by the Budget. While the family who live in Tomes, Devon, will gain modestly from the introduction of the 20p income tax band, Mr Chave would rather have seen increases in personal allowances to promote incentives to work and help to get rid of the poverty trap.

Mr Chave, aged 40, group chief accountant with a chi-

Mr Chave, aged 40, group chief accountant with a china clay extraction company, would like to have seen changes in taxation of married couples. His wife Janice stays at home looking after the children, David, aged nine, Jenna, six and Elishia,

three. "If we were both earning and our salaries equalled mine, we would pay considerably less tax. This is of course an incentive for my wife to go out to work and take a job which somebody else probably needs more."

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With a mortgage of about £70,000, Mr Chave, who earns over £25,000, was not looking for an increase in the mortgage tax relief celling. "I believe it distorts the housing market and merely pushes up prices. I would like to see it abolished, which is really what is happening with it being frozen at its current rate."

The increase in the differential between the cost of leaded petrol and unleaded petrol is welcomed, especially since the family have decided to change their second car to one which runs on unleaded fuel.

Mr Chave added: "I have a company car and am pleased to see that the government has taken away the VAT anomaly whereby if you took the extra salary instead of a car the VAT was payable on that."



Robert Chave: welcoming company car changes

#### Lack of help for mothers criticised

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDINT

THE Budget disapported working mothers who ere expecting measures total pay for child care, compries hoping for tax relief onapital spending, building states looking for a boost 1 the housing market, and thunemployed.

An extension of the dsting tax relief on worklace nurseries had been prected and there had been spulation that child benefit vulde go up above inflation, oranily credit, for poorer fanies, would be raised. Mr Laont gave nothing away inthis area. This could reflect disagreement among minters on the best way to help orking mothers as well a the small amount of mney available.

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Angela Rumbold, the bme office minister, and Gian Shephard, treasury minter, had urged wider tax relf to cover childcare outside workplace. Tony Newto social security secretary fa-

#### CHILD CARE

vours targeting help towrds poorer families. It is kely that proposals on child are will be included in the on-

servative manifesto.
Sue Slipman, directe of the National Council former Parent families, expresed disappointment about Mr Lamont's decision not torovide help in the Budget. He has failed to recognische enormous demand thatesists throughout the coury, from both employers ho wish to keep their vaed members of staff, and om paredts who want to rem to work but cannot affor to do so." she said.

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Although the measure to belp small businesses ere widely welcomed the Cancellor had been expects to announce tax relief on coporate capital spending, he building industry, wasurhappy that there wen no specific measures to elpiconstruction fitms.

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40,000 MORTGAGE						_
	1962/1	1981/2		1901/2	1092/3	21
BROSS ANNUAL INCOME	10,000 3,445	10,000 3,295	15,000 3,445	15,000 3,295	20,000	100
- Personal allowance - Net mortgage interest	3,575	8,575	3,575	3,576	3,445	.57
Tesable income	6,555	6,705	11,555	11,706	16,555	170
Tex thereon Ni contributions	1,538	1,676 711	2,789 1,153	2,926 1,161	1,503	.17
NET INCOME	7.758		11,058		14.358	_
(% tex reduction)	(-6.07)	7,813	(- 3.56)	10,913	(- 2.51)	121
80,900 MORTGAGE	1992/3	1981/2	1982/3	1991/2	1992/3	91,
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME		30,000	45,000	45,000	80,000	600
- Personal allowerice - Net mortgage interest	3,445 7,976	1,295 7,975	3,445 7,975	3,295 7,975	3,445 7,975	25 97
Taxable income	26,555	7,975 26,705	7,975 41,565	7,975 41,705	<i>5</i> 5.555	. 570
Tax thereon NI contributions	6,967 1,899	7,127 1,636	12,967 1,699	13127	10,967 1,889	12 88
NET INCOME (% tax reduction)	21,234	21,237	30,334 (- 8.86)	30,237	29,324	72
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40,000 MORTGAGE	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	117
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME		12,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	2)
- Personal Allowance - Net mortgage interest	5,165 3,575	5,015 3,575	5,165 2,576	5,015	5,165	j.
Taxable income	6,835	6,985	3,575 9,835	3,575 9,985	3,575 14,835	13
Tax thereon	1,609	1,746	2,359	2,496	3,609	7.
NI contributions Child benefit	883 872	891 840	1,153 872	1,161 840	1,603 872	3
MET INCOME	10,380	10,203	12,360	12,163	15,660	194
(% tax reduction)	(-5.50)	400.00	(- 3.96)	45	(- 2.71)	
80,000 MORTGAGE	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	111
GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal Allowance	30,000 5,165	30,000 5.015	45,000 5,165	45,000	60 000	60
<ul> <li>Net mortgage interest</li> </ul>	7,975	7,975	7,975	5,015 7,975	5,1 <del>65</del> 7,975	3.
Taxable income	24,835	24,985	39,835	7,975 39,985	64,835	53
Tax thereon NI contributions	6,279	6,439 1,636	12,279	12,439	18,279	14
Child benefit	1,699 872	1,636 840	1,699 872	1,636 840	1,699 872	33 84
NET INCOME (% tax reduction)	22,894 (-1,20)	22,795	31,394	31,765	40,894 (- 0.48)	471
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NO MORTGAGE	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	1991/2	1992/3	
NO MORTGAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME	1992/3 10,000	1991/2 10,000	1992/3 15,000	1991/2 15,000	1992/3 20,000	91/ 200
ROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Taxable income	1992/3 10,000 4,200 5,800	1991/2 10,000 4,020 5,980	1992/3 15,000 3,800 11,200	1991/2 15,000	1992/3 20,000 3,445	200 200 29
ROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Taxable income	1992/3 10,000 4,200	1991/2 10,000	1992/3 15,000	1991/2	1992/3 20,000	81/ 200 25 170
NO MORTINAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Taxable Income Tax thereon MET INCOME	1992/3 10,000 4,200 5,800	1991/2 10,000 4,020 5,980	1992/3 15,000 3,800 11,200	1991/2 15,000 3,295 11,705	1992/3 20,000 3,445 16,555	91, 200 29 170 17
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MONTRAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME Personal allowance Taxable income Tax thereon  NET (HCOME (% tax reduction)  HO MORTGAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME + Investment income Personal allowance Taxable income	1992/3 10,000 4,200 5,800 1,350 8,650 (-9,70) 1992/3 25,000 15,000	1991/2 10,000 4,020 5,980 1,495 8,505 1991/2 25,000 15,000 3,295 36,705	1992/3 15,000 3,800 11,200 2,700 12,300 (-7,72) 1992/3 30,000 15,000 3,445 41,555	1991/2 15,000 3,295 11,705 2,926 12,074 1991/2 30,000 15,000 3,295 41,705	1992/3 20,000 3,445 16,555 4,039 15,001 (- 3,28) 1992/3 35,000 15,000 15,000 3,445 46,555	91/ 200 28 170 17 32 91/ 20 29 70
MONTRAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Tax thereon  NET INCOME (% tax reduction)  HO MORTRAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME + Investment income - Personal allowance Taxable income Tax thereon	1992/3 10,000 4,200 5,800 1,350 8,650 (-8,70) 1992/3 25,000 15,000 3,445 36,555	1991/2 10,000 4,020 5,980 1,495 8,505 1991/2 25,000 15,000 3,295 36,705 11,127	1992/3 15,000 3,800 11,200 2,700 12,300 (-7.72) 1992/3 30,000 15,000 3,445 41,555 12,967	1991/2 15,000 3,295 11,705 2,926 12,074 1991/2 30,000 15,000 3,295 41,705 13,127	1992/3 20,000 3,445 16,565 4,039 15,001 (-3,28) 1992/3 35,000 15,000 15,000 3,445 46,555 14,967	91/ 200 25 170 17 82 91/ .00 .29 .70 .12
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GROSS ANNUAL INCOME - Personal allowance Taxable troome Tax thereon  NET INCOME (% tax reduction)  HO MORTGAGE GROSS ANNUAL INCOME + Investment income - Personal allowance Taxable income Tax thereon  MET INCOME (% tax reduction)	1992/3 10,000 4,200 5,800 1,350 8,850 (-9.70) 1992/3 25,000 15,000 3,445 36,555 10,967 29,033 (-1.44)	1991/2 10,000 4,020 5,980 1,495 8,505 1991/2 25,000 15,000 3,295 36,705 11,127 28,873	1992/3 15,000 3,800 11,200 2,700 12,300 (-7,72) 1992/3 30,000 15,000 3,445 41,555 12,967 32,033 (-1,22)	1991/2 15,000 3,295 11,705 2,926 12,074 1991/2 30,000 3,295 41,705 13,127 31,873	1992/3 20,000 3,445 16,565 4,039 15,061 (-3,28) 1992/3 36,000 15,000 3,445 46,555 14,967 35,003 (-1,06)	91/ 200 28 170 17 82 91/ 00 29 70 12 87
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# Gas attack on de Klerk backfires on opponents

ROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE unesy right-wing alli-ance formed to campaign for a "no" tote in next week's whites-only referendum on South African constitutional reform appeared yesterday to have suffered a setback after a tear-gas ttack on President de Klerk in Monday evening.

The extremist Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB) formed an alliance with the right-wirg Conservative par-ty, the dicial white parliamentary opposition, and the Herstigt Nasionale party. The sudents representa-

tive coulcil at Orange Free State University in Bloemfontein, where the attack occurred, said it would demand that the right of the neo-fascist AWB to operate on the

#### Plane buzzes **East Timor** peace ship

Darwig An Indonesian military airraft buzzed a Portuguese pace ship at less than 100ft is it steamed towards East Timor and the Indone-

sian nay, which was threat-ening to block its passage. The usitania Expresso is carryin about 150 protesters whose am is to lay wreaths at the Sata Cruz cemetery in the East Timorese capital of Dili, wiere at least 50 people at a menorial ceremony were massacrd by Indonesian soidiers in November. (AFP)

#### Palestinian shot Gaza: Iraeli soldiers shot

dead All Ibrahim al-Mughrabi, a 'alestinian who in-jured four soldiers at a Gazza Strip eleckpoint. Palestin-ians said he drawe into them trying to woid being stopped for a caroffence. (Reuter)

#### Prison sued

Peking: Vang Juntao, aged-33, one of China's most prominet dissidents, is such ing Qinheng prison in Pe-king ir detaining him illegally and allowing him to contracthepatitis B while he was desired there. (AFP)

#### Hosage blow

Beinst: Iran has stopped efforts to free two German hostagesin Lebanon and says Bonn mist negotiate with the kidnappers because it has not released two jailed Lebanese brothers a pro-Iranian source sid. (Reuter)

campus should be with drawn, and strong disciplinary action be taken against those responsible. Coentrad lonker, the students' council president, said that a few fanatics had managed to disrupt Mr de Klerk's visit to the campus, but he believed that the majority of students and

staff condemned it. Carl Werth, the Natal pro-vincial leader of the Conservative party, was clearly embarrassed yesterday when he was challenged during a public debate in Durban by Roger Burrows, a Democratic party MP, to condemn the tear-gas atack and the bombing of white schools where parents have voted to admit black pupils.

The Durban area is a key constituency in the referendum campaign where the government and the rightwing alliance are working hard to secure the critical English-speaking vote. Mr Burrows said he had asked right-wing MPs to condemn the school bombings, but "not one of them has had the guts to do so".

Mr Werth replied that he was "very disappointed and distressed" by the tear-gas attack. He added: "I will gladly speak out against any form of violence. I deplore the bombing of schools, even if

the targets are safe targets."

Dr Felco Boomstra, rector of Orange Free State University, said it was not clear who was to blame for the tear-gas attack. He added: "We regret this type of incident, as we believe that a university should be a place where we can think responsibly and consider problems

The tear-gas canister was thrown into a crowded categoria where Mr de Klerk was about to address students. He had arrived to shours in Afri-kaans of "Go home, traitor" from quidents outside. Mr de Klerk and his wife, Marika, were hustled to safety, but Koble Coessee, the justice minister, was knowled about

• Train killings: At least three people were stabbed to death and 12 injured when gangs of men rampaged through black commuter mans bound from Soweto to Johannesburg yesterday. Police said that in Alexandra township, north of Johannes-burg, the bodies of two men were found, and a man was killed in Germiston, east of Johannesburg.

#### **Southern Africans** drop ivory plea

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN KYOTO

der pressure from merica, the Europe-an Community and other Wesern nations, five southern African nations yesteday withdrew their proposals at the Conven-tion of International Trade in Engingered Species conferenc in Kyoto, for a partial reumption of the ivory

Delegates from Namibia,
Botswina, Malawi, Zimbabwe and South Africa
walked away from yesterday's dustic Cites conference dhate "puzzled and
saddend at our betrayal by the rick North, who put do-mestic politics before conservation and the real issue of the future of the elephant This conference appear to have produced little oconstructive use for the fuire of the African elephat and has merely drawn/veiled threats from southern African nations that they could leave Cites and rsume ivory trading independently.

denceof sustained successes in conservation of ele- clear that the future of the phans, to the extent that African elephant and many they how suffer from a other endangered species is pegged to the mood swings population. They had proposet the resumption of a "We will have to reconsider limited trade in ivory at the costs and the benefits sustanable levels to bring in reenue for funding antipoacing units and other longterm conservation programmes.

A pokesman for the southern African nations said: "Our proposal has been shot down for the wrong reasons. It is obvious that onsideration by some delegates is being given to political pressure and an election fever in their own countries."

The British government, which had supported limit-ed trade in elephant hides and meat to provide an ecovation, performed a volte face three weeks ago after it had come under pressure from environmental lobby groups which claimed that it was "failing the ele-phant". Its revised position advocated a continued total ban on all trade in all ele-

phant products. "We are overron with elephants so we should be able to utilise our elephant populations in a sustainable way. Yet we have been asked to burn ivory when we have trouble feeding our own people," said a dele-gate from Botswans. "We are extremely perplexed. It seems that the goalposts have been moved."

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All ive of the southern allerated southern African African countries have evirum. It has also made it pegged to the mood swings of Western electorates. We will have to reconsider of remaining within Cites," a Botswana delegate said. His comment encouraged fears in some quarters that the disappointed African nations could leave the convention, and resume ivory

trading alone.

Britain yesterday amnounced a \$1 million (£580,000) pledge for elephant conservation in Africa.



High flyer: Mizue Ito being tossed into the air by student colleagues after she passed the entrance examination, one of the toughest in Japan, for Tokyo university. Out of 9,959 applicants, only 3,228 were admitted

#### **Soldiers** abduct refugees

FROM AHMED VAZI

ABOUT 300 Muslim refugees were abducted from two oats by Burmese soldiers as they were crossing the border into Bangladesh, refugee sources in the southeastern border town of Teknaf said,

The refugees claim that Burmese soldiers have killed hundreds of Muslims and detained thousands in the western state of Arakan in the past two weeks. A spokesman for the Rohingya Solidarity Org-anisation, which monitors refugee movements, said that the boats were intercepted by the soldiers at Naikhongdia military outpost on the Nai river close to the Burmese-Bangladeshi border on

The organisation said that the refugees belonged to the Muslim Rohingya tribe and included 40 children and 35 women who were fleeing perecution in the western Burmese province of Arakan. The refugees had been taken to an unknown destination by the soldiers who seized the boats,

#### CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF Eiger conquered by Frenchwoman

IN DHAKA

Catherine Destivelle, aged 32, has become the first woman to dimb alone the north face of the Eiger, one of the most dangerous ascents in the Alps. The French mountaineer completed the 12,108ft climb in 17 hours, reaching the summit shortly before midnight on Monday.

The former football star Vic Halom will be a Liberal Democrat candidate in the town where he was an FA Cup hero 19 years ago. Mr Halom, aged 43, is to contest Labour-held Sunderland North. which includes Roker Park, ground of the town's Second Division club, with whom he was striker when the team took the League title in 1973.

Prince Henri d'Orleans, the pretender to the French crown, is quoted as having scolded his daughter Chantal for breaking a 600-year tradition keeping women mem-bers of the royal family out of politics. The daily Le Figaro said he sharply rebuked her for a speech condemning proposals by the far-right Nat-ional Front to send foreign workers back home. "As long as the head of the House of France is alive, he alone expresses its thinking and leads its policies," he said.

The former editor of The Sun and the Daily Express, Sir Larry Lamb, was improving in an Australian hospital after suffering a heart attack and lapsing into a coma. A spokeswoman for the hospital in Sydney said he was regaining consciousness and was off the critical list.

Delicatessen assistant Jemma Chancellor, aged 24, has be-come Sainsbury's 35,000th employee to gain a certificate in safe food handling.

Eight-times-married bandleader Artic Shaw, whose wive included acrosses Ave Gardner and Lana Turner, is to take part in his first concert in Britain in June later this Sheikh of Swing, he will conduct at the Royal Festival Hall on June 11. "I'm not an expert on marriage, I'm an expert on divorce," he says. The easiest way to get one is to call a cab. When a sinustion is intolerable you leave."



# Chill winds of capitalist competition buffet Russian media



Yakoviev: issued plea for co-operation

THE central media of the Commonwealth of Independent States - radio, television and the Moscow-based press - which were taken over by Russia on the dissolution of the Soviet Union, face imminent bankruptcy unless they find alternative sources of funding. With the options reduced to doubling subscription prices, finding a Western "fairy-godmother" or begging for charity, most are likely to have ceased publica-tion or succumbed to disadvantageous mergers before the month is out.

Pravda, for decades the official voice of the Communist party but now officially independent, recently reduced publication from six days a week to three, as have at least three other central newspa-

The old propaganda channels are paying for being the first area of Soviet life to face market realities, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

pers in its stable. It is predicted that they will become weeklies, or close.

Former central television. whose two main channels have been taken over by Russia and made semi-independent, is also in financial trouble. Yegor Yakovlev, the head of broadcasting appointed after the August coup, says that if other former Soviet republics do not help to finance a commonwealth channel, the first and second channels will have to merge.
While arguing passionately

for joint funding and a joint body to oversee the former first" channel, he concedes that other republics are showing little interest. Ukraine, central broadcasting officials say, has switched 15 transmitters over to different frequencies, and Moldavia three, depriving several areas of access to central television.

Elsewhere, Mr Yakovlev admits, local authorities are diverting central channels for their own purposes, or simply switching off Moscow transmissions. The Crimes, which

is populated mainly by Rus-slans, cannot receive Moscow radio's main Russian-language programme, Mayak. Mr Yakovlev argues that it

made cultural and economic sense to preserve a centrally co-ordinated network, which could share foreign correspondents and collaborate on buying programmes from abroad. Other republics, however, suspect Russia of cultural imperialism.

The Russian authorities rested central television's second channel from central control after the August coup and took over the first channel when the Soviet Union ceased its existence. Russia then reached agreement with other former Soviet republics to co-operate on a joint television channel, but there have been bitter arguments about how the time and money babivib se bluods

The plight of the former central media offers a warning of what is likely to happen across the entire state industrial sector in coming months as market reforms start to bite and individual commonwealth republics pursue their independence in every way open to them.

The media were one of the first areas of Soviet life to be exposed to market reforms and competition when the policy of glasnost permitted the establishment of newspapers and journals outside the state system. The new press had to struggle to survive. buying paper at extortionate black-market prices and paying staff more to compensate for the insecurity. Having fought to survive, the formerly unofficial press and Rus-sian radio and television are now fitter than their state counterparts. Here: only Izvestiva looks reasonably healthy. The newspaper has attracted widespread advertising and started commercial projects with foreign partners. It is also able to let

office space. The central media are being bankrupted by a combination of the Soviet Union's demise and the Russian govemment's price reforms. Increasing national consciousness in the republics and their new independent status have left Russian as the language of the old, unwanted, empire. The market in the former republies has shrunk and

hard-up republic jovern-ments will not agree o subsidise services identified with the old. discredited, entre.

The collapse of the tentrally planned economy and the Russian governmen's price liberalisation have cone the rest. Cosseted for years against increases in he price of materials and distribution. the central press has at last had to face reality.

The shake-out primises to be short, sharp and ruthless. Russia will probably be reduced to a small rumber of central newspapers - the Russian government paper, two Moscow dailies. Nezavisimaya Gazeta ard Izvestia - a selection of werklies, and the thriving local press that has sprung to life in the past

# Nato may win peacekeeper role in east Europe

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

IN THE shadow of the increasingly bloody civil war in Nagorno-Karabakh, America, Europe and Russia yester-day cautiously endorsed pro-posals that Nato troops should be offered as peacekeepers when fresh conflicts erupt in Eastern Europe or the old Soviet Union.

The use of Nato soldiers for delicate peacekeeping mis-sions would transform the role of the 16-country alliance that spent the postwar era preparing a conventional and nuclear defence against Soviet attack. But since the crumbling of the Warsaw Pact, Europe and America have been searching for agreement on kinds of intervention in small wars that would be less cumbersome than the United Nations and

#### **Opponents** of Yeltsin join forces

Moscow: More than 20 groups opposed to President Yeltsin and his reformist government have formed an alliance which, they hope, will make their uphill campaign against the Russian leadership more effective (Mary Dejevsky writes).

In a combative joint declaration, published yesterday on the front page of the hardline newspaper, Sovetskaya Rossiya, the groups set out five principles and their slogan: "justice, people, state-hood and patriotism"

The group's principles are calculated to appeal to the poor and those who want to make Russia great again. Yesterday's declaration cements an alliance between the extreme right nationalist movements and the diehard communists, which has developed since the collapse of the Soviet Union. But Mr Yeltsin still tops all the opinion polls.

#### Reforms off

Nairobi: President Moi of Kenya has withdrawn constitutional reforms to create an executive post of prime minister and introduce direct presidential elections. Parliament had been due to debate the reforms this week. Kenya is expected this year to hold its first multiparty elections in more than 20 years. (AFP)

#### Greek strike

Athens: More than 200,000 Greek public-sector workers began a two-day strike to demand that the conservative government drop public sector wage freezes. Trains, state banks, post offices and the public power and water corporations were halted. Tax collectors and customs agents walked out. (AP)

# Offer to region

Warsaw: Ethnic Germans from Ukraine, who were deported by Stalin during the second world war, are free to return and form an "autonomous region", Leonod Krav-chuk, the Ukrainian president has said. (AFP)

# Cyanide threat

Hamburg: Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, has a capsule of cyanide and has threatened to commit suicide if extradited from Moscow to Germany, the weekly magazine Stern reported. (AFP)

yet more broadly based than the European Community, which anyway has no military forces. The latest suggestions to extend Nato's role are liable to meet opposition from France, which does not wish to expand any body likely to preserve America's diplomat ic and military power inside

Europe. Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, told yesterday's meeting here that Nato should be ready to act for the largest of the international security councils, the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, praised what he called "constructive" ideas on the divisions of labour between proliferating Eu-ropean institutions dealing with security but said that no firm decision had been made about future Nato peacekeep-

ing deployment.
While the Warsaw Pact linked the old Soviet Union to its East European satellites Nato avoided any suggestion that it might operate outside its own borders except in wartime. The alliance has now created the "North Atlantic Co-operation Council" to link Nato, eastern Europe and the dent States on defence marters. The council grew to 35 members yesterday with the addition of 11 of the commonwealth republics.

The new co-operation council has been accused of risking confusion and duplication as various bodies with overlapping membership jostle for influence. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said yesterday that the purpose of Nato's new creation was unclear. But Mr van den Broek said that the new body would help Nato to overcome its political difficulties in intervening outside its

own territory. Baku: Azerbaijani deputies postponed naming a new government yesterday after President Mutalibov's resignation as fighting with Armenians over the disputed predominantly Armenian en-clave of Nagorno-Karabakh

Rafaei Gusseinov, an official of the Azerbaijani mission in Moscow, said that the parliament had decided to postpone its session "to allow passions to cool". (AP)

#### MP quits over war killings

FROM REUTER IN POTEDAM

A SOCIAL Democrat politician from eastern Germany gave up his parliamentary seat and left politics yesterday after admitting he took part in firing squads killing civilians in the second world war. Gustav Just, aged 70, said he was resigning because of

the uproar over his past: "I want to avoid damage to my (governing) party and the state of Brandenburg. As a private citizen, I will now seek to clarify the events of 1941."

The German Sunday newspaper, Welt am Sonntag, reported that Herr Just had been a member of a firing. squad that killed six Jews during the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union in 1941. On Monday, he admitted involvement in the killings but said he still had no idea whether they were Jews.



Princely power: a Parisian looking at one of yesterday's advertisements in praise of the Prince of Wales's intervention in defence of French cheese

## Bears fight eagles as Russia hunts for sign of the times

FROM MARY DESIGNARY

THE eagles took on the bears in Moscow yesterday — and they were not flirting with the fashion for American football. They were arguing in deadly earnest about the new Russia's heraldic crest. The eagles had the advan-

tage of a parliamentary committee on their side, much preparatory work which had produced three golden birds of the double-headed strain. and a powerful uncorrent of nostalgia for the tsarist empire. The bears had a splen-did bearded spokesman in the person of Veniamin Pokhlebkin, respected expert on Russian cookery who, it transpired, had long concealed his real passion, her-aldry. Mr Pokhlebkin carried with him the more earthy lobbyists, who argued for the bear as the older, more populist, more genuine symbol of the Russian nation.

To support his argument, he produced a fetching miniature of a black bear on red ground, enclosed in gold laurel leaves. It was passed respectfully around the assembled throng to wideeyed admiration.

Yesterday was the penultimate stage in deciding what the new crest should be: an open parliamentary hearing at which all and sundry, but especially the "experts", were invited to testify. Fur and feathers flew liberally.

The "back to basics" crowd supported the bear. The purists favoured the eagle. The bear, they argued, had never been a symbol of "statehood". And anyway, someone said sotto voce, what would the bear do for our foreign

The argument then revolved about what sort of eagle. Two heads were taken for granted, but what sort of heads, and what about the tail and claws? One of the



heraldic specialists said that the choice was open successive tears had altered the appearance of the eagle, so the new Russians were entitled to do the same.

Misgivings were voiced about the unadorned bear. This was the crest of the posttsarist, pre-bolshevik provisional government — "and there is nothing provisional about the present Russian regime". There was a general move to take another look at

The matter of the crest, like that of the national anthem (Glinka's melody, so far no words), has tended to become bogged down in detail. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, however, it is not only a mat-ter of detail, but a desire to ensure that the new crest has more staying power than the hammer and sickle. A Russian heraldic service has been reinstituted to pursue this

Yesterday's result, by the way, was a marginal victory for the eagles, with a few games yet to play.

#### French praise. royal blue vein

FROM PUTILIF JACONSON DI PARIS

IT MAY be a case of lese-majeste, it may simply be infernal cheek, but the makers of Roquefort cheese have undoubtedly pulled off a priceless publicity coup with the unwitting assistance of the Prince of Wales.

Full-page advertisements in yesterday's Parisian newspapers reproduced his un-stinting praise of "the sturdy Roquefort" in a recent speech assailing European Community bureaucrats for meddling with choice and ancient ingredients of the French national diet.

"Thank you Charles, God Save the Queen and Roque-fort Societé," ran the copy in Le Figaro and Libération under an extract from the speech about the perils of "emasculating" the pride of

the Anvergne.

No need, evidently, for any of that royal warrant business on this side of the Canannel, where the prince is already held in considerable esteem on account of his ro-bust views on modern architecture and the protection of the environment, not to mention his readiness to make speeches in (perfectly ade-quate) French.

The address that Roque fort makers have seized upon with such delight was deliv-ered before a sizeable Anglo-French gathering in Paris last week, and it must have stirred every patriotic heart on the French side of the

In a free-ranging assault on the folly of imposing "bac-teriological correctness" on the richness and variety of France's food, the prince sin-gled out no less than seven gied out no less than seven other native cheeses from "pongy Pont l'Evêque" to "malformed Gruyère de Comte" by way of Brie de Meauz and Fourme d'Ambert, Crottin de Chavignol, Camembert and Vacherin.

As the prince will certainly have been aware, this sort of thing goes down exceptionally well among the French, especially when they suspect the worst from Brussels. No friend of the European Community, Le Figaro could hardly contain itself, reporting the royal speech next day under a headline reading: "Le God save the brie de

Charles d'Angleterre." At that moment, General De Gaulle's heartfelt observation to a colleague somehow came to mind: "My dear friend, one cannot simply hope to rally on the spot a nation that produces 265 different specialities of cheese."

### Rome sportsmen fail TV hurdle

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN television viewers are being deprived of their normal diet of sport and soap operas because so many actors and sportsmen are running as candidates in next month's general election, television critics complained yesterday.

The state-run broadcasting authority. Rai, has been accused of double standards for cancelling at the last minute on Saturday night the screening of a boxing match starring Francesco Damiani, the former world heavy weight champion who is now running as a candidate for the opposition Republican party. Sports fans also were deprived of coverage of a mini-marathon run at Monza on Sunday because Gelindo Bordin, the Olympic gold medal marathon runner, was among those taking

Guidelines issued by a parliamentary watchdog committee responsible for the state-run channels forbid candidates from ap-pearing on television except during alotted broadcast time. However critics say that Rai breaches the rules by giving government fig-ures, such as Giulio. Andreotti, the prime minister, open coverage on tele-vision news, especially on-the first channel, TG1, which is controlled by the dominant Christian Demo-

crat party. A commentator for the newspaper La Repubblica, Miriam Mafai, yesterday said that it was a "grotesque measure" to cancel coverage of Paolo Cane, the Italian tennis player, during his scheduled Davis Cup appearance in Brazil at the end of the month. Mafai said she had also sought in vain to watch a film on

Saturday night, promsed to viewers only a few hours Jian-Maria Volont, the popular actor and a sandidate for the Democratic Party of the Left (formerly Communist). Signor Volonte is well known for his roles in thrillers about

the Mafia. Also banished fron the small screen are the soan opera films made by Alessandra Mussolini, the nco-fascist candidate in Naples, and blue movie featuring Moana Pozz, the stripper who heads ue list

of the Party of Love.
Gianni Pasquarell, the director-general of Rii, defended the policy yeserday.
"We are only applyin; faith parliamentary comnission of vigilance on Rii," he said. "We have been doing this for many yeas. Cer-tainly if there is a porting result that features in athlete political candidate, the news will be given.' Signor

Pasquarelli said. Private television antions run by Silvio Berlusoni, the Milanese media yeoon, also have been criticsed for what some see as a bias against the Socialistparty.



Andreotti: openTV coverage criticised

#### **Dispirited Albania** prepares to vote

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN TIRANA

GJEKE Rama is in his garden in the north Albanian mountain village of Derreg. He is aged 79, a Kryetar, the head of a family clan.

"We have our livestock, yes," he says. "Without them we could not live." Fierce black pigs root outside his gate. Below them is the stony wilderness of his valley leading to the wild Trepoje district adjoining Montenegro. "We eat meat about once every two

weeks. There is no cheese here since October. We est these. He offers me a handrolled

cigarette. Western and Turlish food aid has been enough to keep the Albanian citis fairly quiet this winter, depite serious violence last wek in the southern mining city of Pogredec when two people were killed, but most highland villages are much wose off and close to despair.

Gjeke's grandchidren look reasonably health, but elsewhere in the village there are all the classic signsof malnutrition and its assciated diseases. Doctors in he northern capital of Shodra, 40 miles away, repor a sharp increase in the infant mortality rate this winter, vith many pregnant women suffering serious dietry deficiencies.

All the Derreg vilagers say that there is wides read corruption led by urban mafias, which is diverting the food aid from the most needy recipients. It is difficult to tell how far they are right.

The heavy dark geen Italian army lorries of "Operation Pelican" lumbe around rural Albania and ty to distribute staples such as rice and flour even-hardededly, but the Italian offices do not disguise the difficulies they face, or the fact that hey had hoped originally to have been withdrawn from Allania by now. What happen to the food when they have left a district is anybody's aress.

Many observers in Tirana believe the socialists lave lost the will to govern: thegeneral election on March 22 will .show whether they are right.

**ZAGREB NOTEBOOK** by Anne McElvoy

# Right number, shame about the name

What is a telephone di-rectory? The answer that it is a listing of the subscribers and the telephone numbers allotted to them is not satisfactory in Croatia, where the main daily Vjesnik has called for the editor of the new Zagreb telephone book to be dis-missed for not appreciating the significance of his task. His misdemeanour has

been to continue including listings of company names in Zagreb beginning with the abhorred prefix Yugo — even now that the republic has gained independence on the theory that, like it or not, they still existed. The result, thunders *Vjesnik*, is a listing "brimming over with Yugo-slavia. This is the first telephone directory of the independent and sovereign republic with historical connorations." It concludes: "This telephone directory should

be a civilisational event reflecting the general trends in our political, economic and cultural life in Crossis."

B elgrade meanwhile is re-discovering dusty he-roes hand over fist these days, presumably to com-pensate for the inadequacy of its present canon. After devoting eulogies to the as-sassin of Archduke Ferdinand, Gavrilo Princip, those sections of the media sym-pathetic to Slobodan Milosevic's regime have taken up the cause of another fated son of Serbia - the failed assassin of Marshal Tito, Nikola Kavaia.

A devout anti-communist, Kavaja spent 14 years trying to assassinate the Yugoslav leader but his attempts were more reminiscent of Woody Allen than the Jackal. He tried to dispatch Tito out-side the Waldorf Astoria in

New York, in Mexico City and in Virginia and was foiled by aimble security men or his own cackhandedness. He is still languishing in prison in Virginia after trying to blow up the Yugoslav consulate there (with Tito inside) and

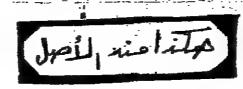
Tito: target of bungling hitman then attempting to hijack an airliner to Belgrade. "Two of my greatest wishes have not been fulfilled," he said from

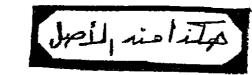
65-year sentence. Kavaja declared: "To take the life of Josip Broz (Tito), that Austro-Hungarian communist responsible for the greatest tragedy ever to be-fall the Serbian people, and then to commit heroic suicide by crashing an aero-plane into the Communist

his cell, where he is serving a

party central committee building in Belgrade." Kavaja has pleaded to be set free, arguing that he is no longer a danger to any-one now that Tito is dead.

He can at least take com-fort in the news that Tito, a notorious womaniser, is about to acquire the tribute that he deserves for his extra-political activities, His houry villa in Lovcenka, on the Montenegrin coast, is to be turned into a private clinic which will specialise in artificial insemination.





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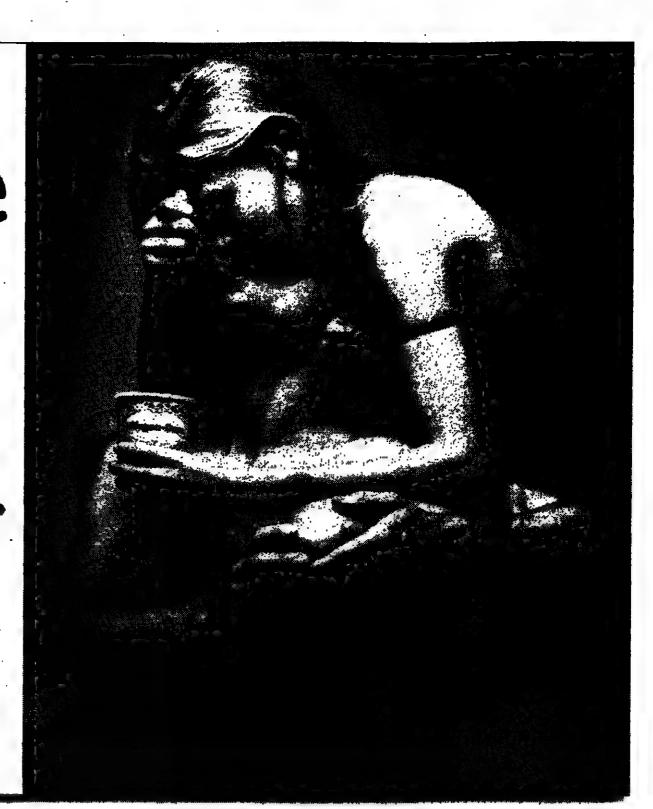
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# A global peril we dare not ignore

Britain is leading the world debate on the environment, says Michael Heseltine

The future

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at Rio this

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n June the leaders of 175 countries are invited to attend the world's greatest ever debate on the planet's prospects of survival. Some 40.000 people are expected in Rio for the Earth Summit of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Last week in New York, where the final preparatory meeting was underway, I found the scale of the endeavour awe-inspiring. In order to have available for ministerial signature the necessary documents for such an ambitious event, the negotiators of the 175 countries involved have been meeting, at major cities across the world, for months.

I have two overriding views about what is happening. The first is of its transcending importance. I am no scientist but I do not see how any responsible government can ignore the scientific advice so heavily stacked on the side of those forecasting dramatic deterioration in the world environment. I am moved in

reaching this judgment by the example set by Mrs Thatcher as prime minister. She was a scientist, which gave her an added advantage over most of us confronted with these decisions. She was certainly no easy touch for whatever (eshionable fads should come along or for the special pleadings of this or that pressure group. Yet so convinced was she by the advice of our scientists that she played a critical role in persuading the world to sign the Montreal Proto-col which lead to e early phasing out chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). She recognised early on too the im-portance of heeding scientific warnings about global warming.

I am equally impressed by the brave decision of John Major who was the first world leader to commit himself to attend the Rio conference in person. Prime ministers rarely take such a step unless they are confident of the outcome. Yet

is a conference so diverse, so ambitious, that no one can be confident of success in advance. Someone had to show a lead, to take a risk. Such was the prime minister's conviction about the urgency of the environmental threat that he was big enough to do just that I have seen enough of the workings of

diplomacy to know that nothing is more likely to deliver a successful outcome than the presence of the bosses of the governments concerned. Nothing so encourages the officials on either side to go the extra mile.

In the charged atmosphere of media. politics it is almost impossible for events to match expectations. Rio will not live up to those of its more ardent advocates. But this would be the wrong judgment. Rio is a part of a process not an isolated event. What matters is that a sufficiently clear form of words emerges to give momentum to the dialogue and to the promise upon which the survival of the

planet depends.

We will not solve all the problems at Rio. We may agree they should be solved. We may put in place machinery that could solve them if we operate it with determination. We are engaged on a long and unpredictable journey. It will be an achievement just to have got the show on the road.

I believe that Britain has a contribution to make to maintaining this momentum through the mechanisms for monitoring environmental progress

which we have pioneered in our White Paper, This Common Inheritance. I shall shortly be letting the UN Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, have our ideas on how the UN might take the process forward from Rio.

My second overriding concern may sound hard-nosed. In a sense it is. But if we do not understand the need for real and effective policies, the process will lead nowhere. We are not engaged in a search for further ways of distributing aid from the developed to the developing world. This is not a hand-out. This is a deal. And in order to work, any deal has to be two ways.

We in the developed world have to recognise that we are the major consumers of the world's natural resources. We must question more and more how our development is sustainable. There can be no escaping our responsibility to put our own house in order. Britain will not shirk that challenge. Nor should other developed countries. I was pleased

to tell the preparatory conference that Britain will look again at its commitment to stabilise CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2005 to see if we can bring that target forward. In addition, we are rich enough to help the rest of the world meet its environmental commitments, and are prepared to contribute new and additional resources for this purpose. But what of the other

side? A fellow environment minister from a less affluent country recently said to me: "You must remember that my constituents are cold and are hungry. The environment ranks nowhere in their calculations." He didn't go on to point out, as he might have done, that it didn't rate very highly on our agenda either, or that we are guilty of harming our environment in ways that we are now suggest-

 ing the developing countries should cease to harm theirs. Still, developing countries too must play their part in a global deal. The South in pursuing the development it needs cannot afford to ignore the scientists' warnings. In exchange for extra resources and know-how, developing countries will have to provide firm commitments to action and bring a disciplined approach to bear. That is not exploitation. It is the best possible deal

for the world's environment If Rio is to lead anywhere, it has to be in terms of setting, monitoring and delivering what each country commits to the global process. That is not easy when every country in the world has different environmental problems and varying capacities to respond to them. We are not looking for a pattern imposed from outside on any country. Each must have its own approach and answers. But whatever they are, they must not be vague assertions, but firm and intelligent proposals. Just as the money can be counted, so must the environmental

Does the world need to feel an increasing exposure to danger before it develops a collective sense of purpose? A cynic might suggest that we can afford to wait. But a responsible government must recognise the danger and respond to it. The British government has decided that the risks are too great to ignore, the potential harm too absolute. That is why our prime minister will attend the conference in Rio.

# Can the voters be persuaded by the Chancellor's economics or rhetoric?

orman Lamont's Budget will not win the election for the Tories, but it does clarify the choice facing voters. Because of the recession and the deterioration in public finances. the Tories will have to fight mainly on ground they would never have chosen but they are determined to retain some advantage on taxation.

Mr Lamont had almost no freedom of manoeuvre. But he played what limited cards he had with some skill, even if the total impact is unlikely to be enough either to inspire his own party or to excite the voters. It was a Budget to appease Thatcher's children, the skilled workers whose support the Tories won from 1979 onwards but who have been hard hit by the recession and are potential defectors at the election. The proposed reintroduction of a reduced rate band, of 20 per cent for the first £2,000 of taxable income, puts Labour on the spot.

Otherwise, it was Rotary Club Budget. It was full of dull sounding measures designed to rally wavering natural Tory supporters such as small businessmen, the self-employed and car dealers. There was even a concession from the filmgoing Chancellor for the film industry (will David Puttnam now change parties again to support the Tories?) There was touch of virtue in the increase in tobacco tax in real terms. Overall. there may have been little

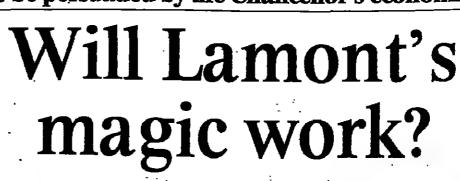
Ministers were night making much of Mr Lamont's prudence — the smaller than expected overall tax reductions of around £2.3 billion - but it is a heavily

was little to depress.

qualified prudence, born more of necessity than of inherent virtue. The tax cuts add to an already strong upward trend of borrowing. Mr Lamont did not have the flexibility to be accused of electioneering like Nigel Lawson five years ago, or like R.A. Butler in 1955. The Treasury's Red Book

makes plain just how limited Mr Lamont's options were. Public borrowing in the coming financial year will be £16 billion higher than forecast a year ago, at £28 billion, principally because of the delayed effects of the deeper than expected recession, and, to a lesser extent. because of discretionary increases in spending and cuts in taxation. And, as Mr Lamont did not point out, public bor-rowing is likely to be even higher next year, at £32 billion. Yesterday's disclosures incidentally make even more sensible the highly welcome, and surprise suggestion from Mr Lamont that public spending and tax proposals should be produced simultaneously each year, in a unified budget in December, rather than several months apart, as now. The government's aim of bal-

ancing the budget over the medium term looks even more than ever a pious aspiration. Even on the official assumption of a return to a growth in output of more than 3 per cent a year from 1994 onwards, and tight control of public spending, the government will still be a net





#### Peter Riddell assesses yesterday's Budget speech

borrower in 1996-7. These figures alone suggest that progress towards lower taxation is likely

Neil Kinnock was making much last night of the sharp rise in borrowing as evidence of the long-term failure of the government's policies. But this also limits the scope for action for any incoming Labour govern-

ment. In a perverse way, Labour had been hoping for - as well as expecting — a larger overall tax cut, since reversing it in office would allow them to use the money to increase spending on public services such as health. and education. That option is now narrower. While condemning borrowing for tax cuts, it will be hard for Labour to oppose cuts in income tax of which three-quarters will benefit those on below-average earnings.

The Tories will now make much of their claims to be the party of tax cuts (at least of direct taxes, if not of the overall tax burden). Although according to the polls, the public ers increased spending on

# Chancellor scores B-plus

ther judges of the dis-mal science will mark the Budget speech for technical merit. Here are the marks for artistic impression, with explanatory glosses.

As a freestyle performance, Mr. Lamon's Budget state-ment was solid rather than speciacular, scoring 5.5 on his home team order papers, and 1.5 on the Opposition ones. It did not spark with the flamboyance of Mr Lamont's predeces sor, or glow with the urbanity of Roy Jenkins or R.A. Butler. Rut at least it started with a bold leap into the future, the announcement of the demise of this unique British institution. Tradition will surely insist that the new winter event is still named after the Old French bougette, the leather bag in which medieval chancellors

carried their papers.

Orkney: a point here, a point there, and a lot of snaggy bull in between. Mr Lamont tried for the memorable sound-bite that would transfix the evening news bulletins. But "a Budget for the recovery" and "low tax and light government", though worthy objectives, are nips rather than bites.

Never at a loss for a few Benjamin Franklin to Monsieur Leroy on nothing in this world being certain except for death and taxes. But then he scored for putting a spin on it, by saying that he hoped that the latter, in his increased duty on cigarettes, would postoone the former. He scored marks for ironic triumph of hope over experience when he trusted that car dealers would pass on the reduction in car tax.

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distinguished predecessors, who glowered, raddled behind him. There was a nice touch of meiosis or understatement. when the Chancellor recognised that the past year had been difficult for the car industry; and a snap of chauvinism when he promised not to let Brussels ride roughshod over the British cider industry. His sulky but well-behaved Pekinesc. He occasionally made chopping gestures with trem-bling hands. The prime minister smiled boyishly. There was a cheer when he announced the new band of 20 per cent on

the first £2,000 of taxable

income. Not a historic Budget speech: they seldom are. But a workmanlike one. Beta for artistic impression. We shall have to wait for a month to There was the rhetorical judge its political impression.

PHILIP HOWARD

Tories believe that such altruism does not always stand up in practice. Voters, and especially those at the lower end of the scale helped by yesterday's pro-posals, are not keen on tax increases, and certainly not on giving up tax cuts they have

already been promised. For all the widespread complaints on both sides of the Atlantic about standards of public services and infrastructure, the public is reluctant to pay higher taxes. The tax revolt of the late 1970s has a continuing impact. This is why George Bush is suffering in the Republican primaries from his (very limited) breach of his No New Taxes pledge of 1988. It is also why the Tories are highlighting their commitment to tax-reduction for all that it is worth, since it is one of the very few cards they have. During all the tawdry infighting between Labour and the Tories over the past few months, the one charge that appears to have stuck is that Labour will raise taxes on ordinary people.

The Budget is unlikely to be decisive in that argument, but it will help to underline the Tory appeal. If by limiting the scope for tax cuts, the deterioration in the underlying borrowing position has enabled the Tories to avoid the charge of massive election bribes, it also bribes. means that the Budget will not dominate the campaign as much as they would wish.
Roy Jenkins
claims in his mem-

oirs, in a justification of his cautious pre-election Budget of 1970, that, "a Chancellor ought to be judged not by what he did one day, but by his general control of the economy over the year as a whole. In practice, tax cuts only have a positive impact when economic optimism is anyway improving.

as in 1955, 1983 and 1987. By focusing on their tax cutting aspirations for the next parliament, the Tories now hope to shift attention from the generally dismal record of the past few years and the limited elbow-room allowed by the exchange-rate mechanism. Put the government remains vulnerable on this record, and in particular on the implications of the big rise in public borrowing over the past two years. The clear implication of the Red Book figures is that no Chancellor will be able to cut taxes or raise public spending in the next parliament if borrowing is to be reduced to near the European guidelines within the next couple of years. Any new government will have to introduce tough fiscal measures.

The one consolation for the government is that for all their current economic difficulties. Dudiic still regards the Tories as more competent manseers of the economy than Labour. This advantage may be narrowing, but the Tories are still rated as the party to take Britain out of recession.

Mr Lamont was never in any position to deliver an electionwinning budget. What he has done is highlight the differences between the parties over the taxation, springing a tactical surprise on Labour. But the Tories will have to offer more than this — starting with next week's manifesto — if they are to win the election.



# ...and moreover

orgive me, but it's far too early to assess the elec-toral impact of the Bud-t. We do not yet know what is well on the cards that Frank will conclude that the Chancellor's measures are too little and too late, and were that indeed to be the case, then this, especially if combined with what many commentators be-lieve will be Samantha Fox's view that the measures are too much and too early, could well spell disaster for the Tories.

As if that were not unsettling enough, authoritative sources close to Little and Large have let it be known that at least one of them is concerned that nothing has been done to lift sterling from the bottom of the ERM to confer more manoeuvrability on interest rates, while the other considers that Labour's refusal to commit itself unconditionally to a fourth Trident demonstrates an equivocation so specious as to disqualify it from taking office. Since, however, I do not know which of them holds which view, nor which of them the public loves more. I am unable to assess what effect this will have on the doings of

April 9. Oh God, what have we come to? Late on Tuesday night, my fax began to chatter, and when I ran upstairs I found its little slot coughing up a personal letter from one of our most illustrious actresses, soliciting my support for Neil Kinnock: would I be prepared to let my name be used in pre-electoral promotion, and if so would I ring the Labour the Leeds because George Cole Party Celebrity Unit (sic) on 701 does, is not of the slightest concern to me. It is possible that the letter to my desk and carefully put it on top of the one I had received on Saturday from the world's greatest living novelist inviting me to attend the Tories' eve-of-poll rally and sit where the television cameras could get a good look at me. This meant that there were now the letters at the second site. two letters on top of the one from the nation's smartest comedian enjoining me to come out publicly on behalf of the Liberal Democrats.

What does all this tell us? It tells us that while none of these people has any idea how I vote, all of them are prepared to scrape the barrel in the attempt to woo even the most insignificant names to the horrible cause of beguiling votes not by policies but by personalities. They want me to declare that I vote for this. that, or the other, in the hope that my saying so will persuade someone else to. Someone else needs no proof of my entitlement to recommend this, that, or the other, it is enough for them that a small part of my head may be seen twice a week in The Times. People should therefore vote the way I do, just as they should vote Conservative because Cilla Black does, Labour because Prunella Scales does, or Libocrat because John

Cleese does. Now, that people should also drink Maxwell House because Michael Elphick does, wash up in Fairy Liquid because Nanette Newman does, and save with

these luminaries do not actually drink, sluice and bank in the manner they purport, but if they do, it could equally well be that in their judgment their palates, hands and solvency are thereby the happier. It is a judgment they are qualified to make, and one, moreover, which the rest of us may test by running down to the High Street. True, fame is the spur; but that's all it is. Shift to the electoral market-

place, however, and it becomes boot and saddle, too. Lacking political heroes, the parties borrow paragons on white chargers from elsewhere, irrespective of whether the adulation such stars can cozen is merely the result of being able to convene blind dates, do a passable im-personation of King Lear, or handle short rising balls outside the off-stump.

From the ridiculous to the

even more ridiculous; some of you may wish to know to which of the three blandishments I have yielded. The answer is all of them. In each case, there are clear indications that my sup-port will result in many a jolly evening in the company of famous faces, lots of booze, possibly even a hot dinner here and there. You will therefore, over the next few weeks, see my name in all manner of political propaganda. The important thing is

not to believe a word I say. Not that you need to be told that. This isn't your first

#### One more gem from Heath

WHILE Mrs Thatcher's supporters did nothing to hide their reservations about the Budget, Edward Heath at least left the Commons chamber with a noticeable grin on his face. He was, after all, the first senior Tory to call publicly for the date of the Budget to be switched. Last November Heath told a

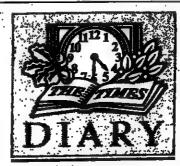
Commons committee set up to consider reforms of the Commons working hours that: "As far as financial matters are concerned i would like to see the financial year start with the calendar year. It can be perfectly well arranged. It would mean after the Queen's Speech we have the Budget, and then on January I the financial year begins... This would fit in of course with a large part of the business world's accounts."

Although Heath's views went widely unnoticed at the time, he did have a chance to tell John Major directly about his plans. Last week the prime minister invited him to his Commons office for a 30-minute chat and the Budget was set firmly at the top of the agenda. Mrs Thatcher, conspicuously, was not accorded

the same privilege. Yesterday's quiet victory will no doubt spur Heath on with his memoirs, which he has now taken up with a vengeance. Mrs Thatcher's deal last year to produce volumes of memoirs was said to have done wonders to concentrate his

#### Vote early

THE COST of the now inevitable April election, launched by Norman Lamont's "prudent but popular" Budget, was calculated yesterday by local authority chiefs at a



very unprudent cost to the public purse of £25 to £30 million. That is the sum they say would have been saved if John Major had been prepared to wait until May 7 and synchronise the general election and local elections. The last general election cost the

taxpayer nearly £60 million and this time the figure is expected to rise substantially. An April poli would mean that the whole exercise will be replicated within a month for the local authority elections, doubling costs in many areas.

Tony Travers, local government lecturer at the London School of Economics, says: "Clearly it would be better and a much smaller drain on the public purse to hold two sets of elections on the same day. Whether it is better for democracy is another matter."

• While the Chancellor promised jam tomorrow, today's recession was biting hard yesterday at Cheltenham. The racecourse caterers have ordered only 12,000 bottles of champagne for the Nat-ional Hunt festival, down by a fifth on last year. For the 40,000-strong Irish contingent, 7,000 gal-lons of Guinness. "I don't think it will be enough," said Jo Mc-Carthy over from Cork, who yesterday afternoon admitted he was "losing steadily".

#### Your number's up PERSONALISED car number-

plates change money for huge sums in Britain, and a similar trade may be about to take off in Russia. All diplomats and foreign residents in Moscow are required to display yellow number-plates indicating the category of the owner. But, as with so much else in Moscow, there is now a shortage of the desirable D-plates and little prospect of fresh supplies. As a result, diplomats are being issued with the lower-category T-plates, while businessmen have to make do with

To the average Westerner, the distinctions may seem academic. To Moscow's foreign community, though, the matter is of vital concern. The category of registration plate determines how big a bribe the traffic police will demand for an often spurious traffic infringement. A D-plate means you get off



#### In a storm

AS the Chancellor posed in Downing Street with Gladstone's briefcase before his speech, the city was already celebrating: with two bottles of vintage port from 1863.

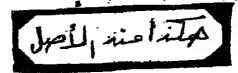
Taylor's Port and Courts Bank, which are both marking their 300th anniversaries this year, organised the vintage tasting session, in anticipation of the tax cuts. But they were parsimonious, to say the least, with the precious

The bottles were the only two known surviving examples of the 1863 vintage, with a saleroom value well in excess of £500 each. 'We appealed far and wide for bottles, but I am afraid it had to be thimblefuls only." says Robertson.

The Queen left Norman Lamont in no doubt about what she expected from yesterday's Budget. Shortly before the Chancellor left to deliver her an advance copy of his speech on Monday night, the Treasury received a call from the Palace. Could the Chancellor ensure that all the Budget papers are held together with paper clips? The Queen, it seems, has an aversion to staples. Needless to say. Lamont duly obliged.

#### Distance between us NEIL KINNOCK is unlikely to

take much notice of Michael Howard's demand that he should tear up his Transport and General Workers' Union membership card. However, as the Communist Jack Adams took over as deputy general secretary of the union this week. Kinnock distanced the party from the union. As predicted in the diary, earlier this year, Kinnock has rejected an offer from the union to use Transport House for its daily election press conferences. On the very day that Adams moved into his new office. Labour paid the deposit on a room hired for the duration at Milibank, still conveniently close for journalists to Conservative Central Office in Smith Square.



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#### SINGLE ISSUE BUDGET

Yesterday's Budget expects to be judged not today but next month, and by the whole nation. This was billed as a Budget for an election, a last appeal for elemency as John Major rushes towards his probable day of battle on April 9. Norman Lamont entered the lists on a battered Treasury steed, but armour burnished and lance in hand. He made one brave charge, briefly unhorsed the Opposition and now retires to await the verdict of the electorate.

Economics were bound to be a sideshow in this Budget, but they cannot be ignored for that. The Treasury and Bank of England have spent the past two years sinking cosily into Europe's monetary system, apparently willing the economy down whatever path the German central bank wished to take it. The past year has been an eerie time. Ministers have seemed dazed at the constantly mistaken predictions that have governed their speeches. Industry has seemed dazed as government failed to respond to their cries for help, while responding avidly to the cries of its own ministers for higher public spending. This bafflement has been the tenor of the year and it left Mr Lamont with an immensely difficult task yesterday after-

On interest rates, Mr Lamont vesterday reaffirmed his commitment to Britain's new exchange rate orthodoxy. He promised that Britain would shift to the narrow band of the ERM at the current central rate, rather than use the move as a means of devaluing. Whether he really believes in this or whether. he is merely agreeing with his stern advisers. at the Bank of England is immaterial. That die appears cast. The sterling crises of fixed rates in the 1960s may or may not prove to have been less painful than those of the 1990s. All that is certain for the time being is that British Chancellors, and the British people, have lost real flexibility in a crucial area of economic policy. The Treasury in October 1990 threw away the weapon of interest rate adjustment that might have eased the government's electoral woes this past six months.

It is conceivable that history may regard these years as a brief aberration, a period when the "spirit of Maastricht" infused British politics and led its leaders in perverse directions from which they only recovered with great difficulty, both to the country and . to their own electoral fortunes. The Treasury's insistence that interest rates be related not to the needs of British industry and commerce nor to currency markets worldwide but to those prevailing on the European continent could yet prove the albatross round the Tories neck in the 1990s. It would be Margaret Thatcher's final revenge.

However, the government's sober behaviour on interest rates within the ERM has: been compensated for by wild misbehaviour elsewhere. Public borrowing, that totem of Thatcherism, has been all but discarded as an economic control lever. Not just the recession but raw politics have forced public expenditure up, and now forced tax receipts down. Mr Lamont must say with Henry V, 'Presume not that I am the thing I was." The result is a borrowing figure that has risen from zero in 1990-1 to £14 billion this year and a surprising £28 billion in 1992-3. Much has gone on salvaging ministers from mistakes and weaknesses, to poll tax payers, to the police, to assuage reform in health and

education, and to public sector pay.

The Treasury is still committed to balancing the Budget "over the economic cycle". This would imply taxes higher by some £18 billion by the end of the decade, making the 20p tax rate almost inconceivable without a huge rise in other taxes such as VAT. There is nothing wrong in public borrowing and Mr Lamont might have made more of this had the government not been so averse to it in the past. The cabinet has made him concede one spending increase after another in the past six months. Faced with that awesome £28 billion, he has rightly resisted any further pressure to bribe the electorate. If the electorate holds him responsible, he can reasonably pass the buck to the cabinet's big spenders. They too are the sons of Thatcherism who used to scorn Ronald Reagan for America's soaring indebtedness in the 1980s.

The Treasury now expects to borrow £16 billion more in 1992 than it expected last April. The timing remains odd. If such a boost is right in fighting recession today, surely it was even more right 18 months ago, when every sector of the economy was already crying out for help. At very least Mr Lamont might have brought this Budget forward to last autumn, as he sensibly intends to do the next. The £2 billion might by now have had an impact both on the economy and on the Toxies electoral fortunes.

As it is, Mr Lamont had to confine his more general measures to those of most immediate effect. The desire of businesses for more relief was hard to grant in ways that might have yielded short-term effect. Corporation tax could not sensibly be cut further and various investment allowance proposals were longer term in their impact. Companies need help with cash flow, and Mr Lamont, unable to help with interest rates, did the best he could. The complicated reliefs to the uniform business rate will help all firms, including the smallest and least profitable, and do so immediately. This was

Nor did the Chancellor indulge in any reckless spending on the housing market. To have abolished mortgage interest tax relief would perhaps have been more than his colleagues could bear just now: though he might have nodded in that direction. What he did for the hard-pressed carmakers was rightly confined to boosting sales, rather than reducing the cost of car use. A similar sense of responsibility and caution infused the continued indexation of excise duties and

the bias against digarettes and leaded petrol. Given this relative lack of excitement, the Budget needed all the economic and electoral clout it could find elsewhere. It found it ingeniously in personal taxation. By not indexing top rates and by not cutting standard rate, Mr Lamont kept his fiscal credibility and cleverly avoided any reasonable accusation of election bribery. Instead he surprised his colleagues with the restoration of a bottom income tax rate of 20p. This usefully publicised the Tories' continued ambition to cut direct taxes, and did so at relatively little cost. It also trumped Labour's pledge to restore any "Tory election bribe". The benefit, while across the board, falls disproportionately on the low-paid. It must

be all but impossible for Labour to cancel. Given the straitiacket in which his own and his colleagues' past decisions had placed him, Mr Lamont showed remarkable dexterity. Tory party managers are having to rely on a "one message" campaign on the economy: that Labour is the high-tax party and they the low-tax one. At the end of a fiveyear parliament, the Tories promise a 20p standard rate, and Labour may find itself with a 30p one. The choice may be crudely materialist, but choice it is.

Mr Lamont was told to shout that message from the rooftops. That he has done. What he must fervently have hoped is that he and his Budget might be given a full eight weeks to echo into the factories, shops and offices of the nation. For some extraordinary reason, it appears that he is not to be granted that

#### **FOLDING PAPERS**

Prayda means truth in Russian and izvestia means news. The old joke in the days of communism was that there was no pravda in Izvestia and no izvestia in Pravda. Nowadays, the danger is that neither of either will even exist, much longer. Freedom has a commercial price. Pravda can now say what it wants, untrammelled by the dictates of the communist party central committee. Without the party's cash, however, it cannot keep going. The newspaper that once vied with The People's Daily in China for the highest circulation in the world has been reduced to less than a tenth of its former readership, can manage only four pages and publishes only three days a week. Few want to read a paper whose name was once Orwellian newspeak for lies.

Other former Leninist organs are faring as badly. Newspapers such as Trud which purported to reflect the interests of trade unions but in fact simply reinforced the party message have seen their circulation down two thirds. The new republics are switching off central television, using the wavelengths for their own broadcasts. Without massive new subsidies, the former state television service will soon be bankrupt.

Some of the old papers, quaintly retaining their communist-sounding names but nothing of the ideology, have managed to adapt to the market: Izvestia has a skilled advertising manager and is making a healthy profit: Komsomolskaya Pravda has become a radical crusader for the new democrats. A few new papers, especially those focusing on commerce and private business, are doing well. So too are a clutch of weeklies and monthlies, published in English and backed by foreign money, which are tapping the market for glossy advertisements, gossip and picture features

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so absent from the media for 70 years. All newspapers in the former Soviet Union are suffering from an acute shortage of paper, distribution difficulties and an instinctive assumption, even among the new democratic leaders, that the press must be

subservient to the government. Tolerance of criticism is not yet understood in the fragile democracies of the Commonwealth of Independent States. In Georgia the wholesale attempt to suppress opposition views was the first sign that President Gamsakhurdia was as much an autocrat as the communists he overthrew. Newspapers and television have in turn not realised that they are no longer on the barricades, where objective reporting was less important than commitment. In a society so politicised, every editor feels he has a mission

Russia was always a country where the written word exercised peculiar power. Five years of glasnost, spearheaded by the press, have given the media an importance that goes beyond merely reporting the daily turbulent events. Through the truth about Stalin, about social ills, the disastrous Soviet economy, the hypocrisy of communism, the people were in the end set free. Now Russia's intellectual horizons, along with its borders, are narrowing. Price rises, resentment at Russia's cultural imperialism and a distrust of anything emanating from Moscow have combined to limit and impoverish the press and rob television of its power to reach across the CIS's 11 time zones.

The likely disappearance of dozens of newspapers does not yet threaten the new democracy, however. The present ferment has thrown up as many underground and samizdat publications, some frankly pornographic, others racist, all experimental and probably transitory. The greater threat comes from the left and the right, who want to channel the press into old habits of obedience and loyalty.

But so far the peoples of the former Soviet Union have shown no sign of retreating from their new freedom to say and read what they want. The commitment to plurality and press freedom is as crucial as any constitutional guarantee of democracy. It has been said that a free press is preferable to free elections. As long as Russia retains the first, the second seems secure.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### E. Europe towns From Professor John Dean

Sir, Lord Montagu, late of English Heritage, has recently called for a foundation funded by the European Community to protect the historic towns of eastern Europe. Other recent travellers have commented on the remarkable condition of these towns, especially their centres, in terms of conservation and environmental quality. Concern over their preservation is right; but the prob-lem is more complex than mere building conservation.

Within the Royal Town Planning Institute, our contacts with pro-fessional colleagues in eastern Europe show that they are well aware that the main threats to their towns come from the pressures of economic growth, leading to redevelopment, and from the impact of motor vehicle use. For more than 40 years these towns have depended almost entirely on public transport systems; the danger is that prosperity will lead to their abandonment in favour of the car, when in the rest of Europe we are

seeking to reverse this trend. There is just time for these countries to develop policies to meet these threats. If assistance is needed, it is critically necessary in the fields of urban planning and transport policies. Building conservation will be fighting a losing battle unless there is effective planning guiding urban development in ways which will minimise the destruction of this precious heritage.

There is a case for technical assistance which should be taken up vigorously by the EC: the United Kingdom, with its strong professional institutes, is well placed to contribute to the basistance. The contribute to such assistance. The renewal of basic infrastructure and the elimination of pollution have immediate priority, but if a start on planning policies is deferred until the completion of these priority tasks, it

will probably be too late.

The historic towns of eastern Europe are an integral part of our European heritage. Planning policies are needed now to ensure their

Yours faithfully, JOHN DEAN (Chairman, Conservation Panel). Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, W1.

#### Doctors on trial

From Dr Harry Jacobs . Sir, Regional and local health authorities have an iniq ritous system of trying doctors in disciplinary cases by means of closed courts, which are quite separate from General Medical Council hearings (letters, February 21, 27). The cost to taxpayers of nine or ten suspensions a year and the provision of substitutes, in addition to legal fees, may be as high as 54 million. The cost in family lives and reputations is far more than monetary. Department of Health circular

HC(90)9 of March 20, 1990, says: The DPH (director of public health) will preserve the anonymity of those making the allegations, if they so wish. If libel, proceedings are brought... the authority would meet the cost of their defence and of any damages or costs ordered to be paid in

Is this not departmental subversion, without proper standards of truth and

Over the past six years my study group has examined 70 cases of suspensions. In at least 11 the action followed criticism by the doctor of the NHS. The NHS, as a near-monopoly employer, is increasingly suspending or dismissing its critics. Few of these doctors have the money

to bring libel actions against their accusers. If the legal system needs more openness, as your leading article of February 17 stated, then open and genuinely independent disciplinary tribunals for doctors are equally the only healthy answer.

Yours faithfully, HARRY JACOBS (Chairman, Study Group on Suspensions. Society of Clinical Psychiatrists), The Coach House, Rochfords, Wormingford, Colchester, Essex.

#### Weights and measures

Sir, Mr Owen Curtis (letter, March 2) suggests "pounds and ounces" instead of "lb and oz". Alas, this would not help. For many years now all our children have been taught only metric weights and measures. When will the adults catch up?

Yours faithfully. JOHN N. PARE. Pen-y-Llan Hall, Oswestry, Shropshire.

From Mr John N. Pare

#### Dentistry in NHS

From Mr D. Andrew Lane Sir, In the continuing debate on the future of the health service little has been written on the gradual disappearance of dentistry from that service. As someone who has witnessed at first hand the enormous strides dental health has taken in Britain I cannot believe that nobody cares; it seems simply that the warning signs that have been apparent for so long have remained largely ignored. In truth, the erosion of the service may now be so far advanced that nothing will save it.
Since 1980 patients' charges have

risen from a maximum of £10 per course of treatment to £200 now. This will rise by a further 12.5 per cent to £225 from April 1 - three times the rate of inflation. In the same period the fee which a dentist

#### Heritage threat to The dangerous realities of rabies

From the Director of the Animal Health Trust

Sir, Mr McKelvie's letter (March 7) points an accusatory finger at the veterinary profession and others for benefiting from Britain's strict rabies quarantine laws and for playing upon irrational fears of the disease.

any disease must be seen in perspective and it is true that rabies can be controlled more effectively now than ever before. Nevertheless, only the rigid application of quarantine has kept the disease out of these islands and, apart from an outbreak in dogs following the first world war and incidents involving two dogs released from quarantine in 1969 and 1970. Britain has been free of rabies since

Affected dogs and cats with the so-called furious form of the disease can literally rampage, biting everything, animate and inanimate, that they come across and widely disseminating the virus. Clearly, such a disease is an occupational hazard for vererinary surgeons, many of whom are now routinely vaccinated against

The danger is compounded by the similarity of rabies in the early stages to other illnesses. For example, an affected cow may appear to be suffering from foot-and-mouth dis-ease or lead poisoning, a dog or cat from a throat obstruction and a horse from colic.

As the risk of exposure increases, rables must be included as part of the differential diagnosis, and prac-titioners will tend to view suspect animals as rabies-positive until that cause can be eliminated.

Mr McKelvie is correct in that veterinarians do have a vested interest in preventing rables entering Britain, but as an ethical and humanitarian duty, not on the grounds of commercial expediency. The logistical and financial implications of endemic rabies are considerable and, notwithstanding the excellence of the state veterinary service in this country, a challenging time is ahead if the loss of the cordon sanitaire results in the loss of our proven anti-rabies defences.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW HIGGINS. Director, Animal Health Trust, PO Box 5, Newmarket, Suffolk. March 9.

#### From Mr A. A. Painter

Sir, Mr McKelvie's letter on rabies controls was sensible and timely. Some years ago I was involved in the enforcement of rables controls in West Sussex. Co-ordination of the work of my department with the police, Ministry of Agriculture, Fish-eries and Food, Customs and Excise and other agencies was costly and, by virtue of the enormous volume of traffic to and from the county by sea

and air, probably futile.

Our attempts to frighten the public into reporting the filegal landing of animals by notices and horror films were out of all proportion to the scale of the threat from rabies. We went about our task with

vigour and prosecuted every case of unlawful landing of animals. I recall a case where a diligent customs officer spotted a kitten concealed in the underclothing of an Italian woman. She was substantially fined

#### Australia and the RN

From Lady Mailinson Sir, I am sad that the role of the Royal Navy in defending Australia and New Zealand from 1941 onwards seems to have been forgotten by the Australian prime minister and, indeed, by many others (letters, March 3, 5):

As soon as we had coped with bombed cities, the threat of invasion, the Battle of the Atlantic, Arctic convoys, and the Mediterranean convoys for the relief of the siege of Malta (the key to communications with the Far East), an Eastern Fleet was built up for Pacific operations.

This fleet included battleships of the King George V class, destroyer

#### Tale of two teapots

From Mr Sam Twining

Sir, Your picture caption, "Tea for one" (March 5) refers to the opening of Britain's first tea and coffee museum. May I point out that my company has exhibited tea and coffee memorabilia at our premises in London's Strand (the site of foundation of our business in 1706) since 1986.

Your caption-writer took the precaution of placing the word

whilst the laboratory fee has more

#### receives for many items of treatment (e.g., crowns) has fallen in real terms.

than doubled. The outrage solicitors are now feeling for having to work for fixed fees per item of work is well founded. Dentists have suffered under this. system since 1948 and the inevitable consequence of a cash-limited scheme is that the more work done, the lower the fees will go. So much for encouraging productivity. We have the additional threat of a

13.8 per cent cut in fees from May. Why? Because dentists responded to the Department of Health's plea for us to make the new contract of October 1990 work. We did make it

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#### There is no significant threat of

and the magistrates ordered the destruction of her kitten. Listening to her distraught cries as she left the court I wondered what I was doing.

rabies from any of the member states of the EC. The proposals for a Community-wide system of control by vaccination and passports are The risk to man and animals from worthy of support.

Yours faithfully, A. A. PAINTER (Chief Trading Standards Officer, West Sussex County Council, 1968-78), 2 Craigweil Lane, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

From the Chairman, Quarantine Kennel Owners' Association UK

Sir, Concern over the possibility that our quarantine laws may be relaxed comes not just from the 50 or so quarantine kennel owners but also from the British Veterinary Association and the RSPCA and has crossbench support in the House of

We have a special problem in this country because of the large urban fox population. Densities of up to 40 per square kilometre have been recorded in some residential areas, a figure far in excess of that which a nural area can support.

A wildlife vaccination programme needs to achieve an uptake of 90 per cent to be sure of containing an outbreak. In a baiting trial in Bristol about 18 months ago, using a density of 32 baits per square kilometre, only about 32 per cent of the fox population took the bait. Successive campaigns would be necessary to achieve the required percentage of immune animals; this will be much more difficult as the same dominant foxes (or cats) will

repeatedly take the bait on offer. In our experience only about 50 per cent of dogs and cats in this country are kept up to date with their annual vaccinations and we can have little confidence that every member of the public travelling with their cat or dog would have the necessary two rables vaccinations and the antibody test, involving three visits to the vet at an estimated cost of £80 to £100.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, GUY TAMPLIN, Chairman, Quarantine Kennel Owners' Association UK, Bee Cottage, Blaize Balley, Newnham-on-Severn. Gloucestershire.

#### March 9. From Mr P. J. Moore

Sir, If the 30 cases of humans in Europe Mr McKelvie mentions had been clinically diagnosed as rabies umald a died. If, as I suspect, they had only been exposed to rables, then rapid and adequate treatment would have given them a chance of survival.

I speak from experience as a former worker with the West African Council for Medical Research who received 30-odd injections after having contact with a rabid dog. No one who has seen a person die from rabies, as I did once in Nigeria. would say that the risk has been overplayed in Britain.

Yours truly, P. J. MOORE, The White House, Uppingham Road. Oakham, Rutland.

#### flotillas and aircraft carriers of the Illustrious class with decks specially

armoured to withstand kamikaze air ottocies. A close relation of mine served in one of the Q-class destroyers which hunted submarines in the Indian Ocean, the Java Sea and the Pacific. HMS Quadrant was renowned for going into action playing a popular tune of the time on an old gramo-

phone — the "Java Jive". Their popularity and the generous hospitality they received when they visited Sydney, Melbourne and Auckland was overwhelming. Yours faithfully, MARGARET MALLINSON,

25 Wimpole Street, WI.

March 5

"reputedly" in front of "the world's largest teapot". We would claim that distinction for our own teapot, made for the Great Exhibition of 1851. When not travelling the world to promote British tea, our pot is usually on display in our London museum. It is believed to hold 1312 gallons.

Yours faithfully. SAM TWINING (Director). R. Twining and Co. Ltd., 216 The Strand, WC2.

March 6.

#### work; some 25 million patients have been registered, and now we are to be penalised for our success. In the last financial year for which I have complete figures my practice made a

only achieved by not buying many items of equipment which were desperately needed. A 13.8 per cent cut would leave me with nothing. I have no choice. I can no longer carry on providing NHS dentistry. I

profit of 14 per cent and that was

have sent my resignation letter to Oldham family health service authority, and I shall be writing to every patient informing them of my reasons for this deeply regretted decision.

Yours faithfully, D. ANDREW LANE (Secretary, British Society for Occlusal Studies). PO Box 56. Oldham, Lancashire. March 4.

#### Vision of a new sailing ship

From Commodore Morin Scott Sir. As one who has competed frequently in the International Tall Ships Races over the past 25 years, it has always been an embarrassment to me (and other British crews) that this essentially maritime nation of ours has never been able to enter a sizeable, and thus prestigious, square

rigger.
The former USSR possesses eight (although their individual exact ownership is now a matter of question), the Norwegians have three, the Japanese two and most other countries with any maritime aspirations have one. Apart from their direct use as naval and youth training ships they become large,

very visible, travelling ambassadors. Would it not be a magnificent tribute to Her Majesty, 40 years after her accession, to commission such a vessel and fit her out for use throughout the year as a sail training ship for our Royal Navy? Arrangements could also be made to embark young Merchant Navy officers and other young people, such as those endeavouring to gain awards under the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme.

Yours etc., MORIN SCOTT (Commodore, Square Rigger Chib), Sudley Lodge, Sudley Gardens, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

#### Routemaster revival

From Dr Myer Goldman Sir, There are, of course, other problems with one-man buses in addition to the congestion they cause (letter, March 3). The lack of a conductor does nothing to inhibit vandalism and unruly behaviour; and the need to drive on our crowded roads as well as take the fares is a source of great stress to many

With high unemployment, would it not be sensible to bring back conductors on all buses? Apart from providing for increased safety, their wages would probably be recouped

in reduced running expenses. Yours faithfully, MYER GOLDMAN, 36 Druids Cross Gardens,

Liverpool 18. From Mr Montague Calman Sir, May I add an even more

dangerous aspect of these grotesque monsters? In peak hours the driver/operator cannot adequately supervise the numbers of passengers getting onto his vehicle. As a connce I have on numerous oc sions seen an overloaded bus, with people even standing upstairs and on the stairways.

One shudders to think what would happen were the bus involved in an

Yours muly MONTAGUE CALMAN. IE Carlisle Place, SWI.

#### Rented property

From Councillor Margaret Moran Sir, While I agree rented property will remain "scarce and expensive" ("Renting: 100 little, 100 dear", Life & Times, February 26), despite government schemes to rejuvenate it, I do not agree that this is caused by "the British penchant for home owner-ship". The British are forced to buy because the expense and insecurity of renting does not make it a viable

option. Since the 1988 Housing Act was introduced to increase the private rented sector, rents in London have soared by over 50 per cent for some sizes of property, forcing more and more tenants into the housing benefit poverty trap.

Picking up the bill for expensive rents is expected to cost the public purse £2,115 million this year, rising to £2,800 million in 1993-4. Surely it would be more sensible to develop a cheaper private rented sector.

That way the dependency of lowincome groups would be broken, while people ineligible for benefits would not be forced to mortgage themselves up to the hilt and become vulnerable to the threat of repossession.

None of the government schemes to increase the private rented sector will produce cheaper rents or security, so rented property, as you quite rightly conclude, will stay "scarce and expensive".

Yours faithfully, MARGARET MORAN (Chairman), London Housing Unit, 2nd Floor, Bedford House, 125 Camden High Street, NW1.

Bridge of sighs From Mrs Nadine Pepys

Sir, I am curious to know why the bridge over the M4 near Bristol had become so dangerous that it had to be demolished when it was only built during the last two decades.

My ancestor, Thomas, first Baron Camoys, who died in 1422, built the bridge over the river Rother at Trotton in Sussex. It still conveys all the traffic on the A272 main road between Midhurst and Petersfield. As far as I know it has not wobbled ODCE

Sincerely NADINE PEPYS. 30/31 Lyefield Court, Kidmore End Road Emmer Green, Reading, Berkshire. March 3.



#### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 10: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the Italian

Republic visited The Queen this

By command of The Queen, Vice-Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Senor Felipe Valdivieso-Belaunde at 52 Sloane Street, London SW1, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipot-entiary from Peru to the Court of

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this morning opened the Centre for Process Systems Engineering at the Imperial College of Science, Tech-nology and Medicine, Exhibition Road, London SW7.

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, afterwards visited Ariella Fashions 80's Limited, 25 Watson Road, Wood Green, London N22; Harold Lee (Harlee) Limited, 407/409 Horo-sey Road, London N8; James Lock and Company Limited, 6 St James's Street, London SW1, and Herbert Johnson Limited, 30 New Bond Street, London W1. The Princess Royal, President

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this evening attended a Reception at Bowring's, Tower Hill, London EC3. Her Royal Highness afterwards attended the British Construc-tional Steelwork Association's National Dinner at Guildhall,

London EC2 Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 10: The Princess of Wales today visited Cumbernauld and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutement for Dunbarton-shire (Brigadier Donald Hardie). Her Royal Highness this morning visited Glencryan School and the Tryst Sports Centre.

The Princess of Wales this afternoon visited the Candle Centre at Link Community

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ronald Swayne was

held yesterday at the Church of St. Botolph-without-Bishopsgame.

Prebendary Alan Tanner offici-ured. Sir John Nicholson was the

lesson and Sir Kerry St Johnston gave an address. Among others

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man, Andrew Weir) and Viscountess functions. Lord fracting of Plaintess functions. For Steam Navigation Company) with Mr Robert Woods (managing director, P. & O Corrainers) and Mrs Woods. Mr I'll Newton, Mr N CAPOLL ARTON, Mr Alan Bott (directors) and Mrs Bott, Lord Hunt of Tanworth (chairman, Banque Nationale & Parist, Lady Dorent Prior-Palmer, the Hon Anthony and Mrs Samuel. Lor Hon Edward Adeans, Sir Peter Pariet, Lady St. Johnston, Sir Addan Swire (chairman, John Swire and Sons) and Lady Swire. Sir Brian and Lady Swire, Sir Lindsay Alexander.

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Sir Ronald Swayne

Memorial service

Corporation, Cumbernauld Finally, Her Royal Highness opened the Regent Centre,

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 10: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Cheshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley-

This morning His Royal Highness opened the County Headquarters of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, Grebe House, at the Cheshire College of

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited Wrenbury Nursing Home, and the Special Gymnastics Association at Win-gate House Sports Holiday Complex, Wrenbury Hall Drive, Wrenbury, where His Royal Highness opened the new

Later His Royal Highness opened the new St John Ambulance County Headquarters at the Countess of Chester Hospital, Chester. The Duke of Gloucester,

Patron, the Pestalogzi Children's Village Trust, and The Duchess of Gloucester attended a Fashion Show and Dinner in aid of the Trust at the Baltic Exchange, St Mary's Axe, London EC3. Mrs Euan McCorquodale and Major Nicholas Barne were in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE March 10: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon visited the offices of BACUP at 121/123 Charterhouse Street, London

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Colonel-in-Chief, the Light Infantry, later received Major-General Anthony Makepeace-Warne, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Weeks (1st Battalion), Lieutenant-Colo-nel Robin Phayre (Light Division Depot) and Lieutenant-Colonel Tom French (6th Battalion).

This evening Princess Alexandra attended a Soirée in sid of the Broomhill Trust, at St James's Palace, London SW1.

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Mr Robert Barron, Mr Rimund Vertey, Major-General C W 8 Purdon, Mr and Mrs Pord I Gentles and Mrs Clairs Ward.

.The title of emeritus professor is to

be conferred on Professor J. Burnett, Professor R. Terry, Professor G. Bond and Professor

University news

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#### Buckingham Palace yesterday after being knighted by The Queen. Sir Colin is currently Chairman of the International Cricket Council Dinners.

Sir Colin Cowdrey, the former Kent and England cricketer, leaving

Pipeline Industries Guild Lord Seisdon, President of the British Exporters Association, and Mr Ian Shanleworth were

the guests of honour at the annual

dinner of the Pipeline Industries Guild held last night at Grosve-nor House. Mr R. Evans, presi-dent, presided and Mr K.T.

et London
Mr Tom Kielinger was the guest
of honour and speaker at a dinner

of the Women's Advertising Club of London held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Miss Barbara Scott, president, was in the chair.

The Rev Michael Bunker, Vicar of

Murwell Hill diocse of London,

and a Probendary of St Paul's Cathedral, is appointed Dean of Peterborough, left vacant by the resignation of the Very Rev R.

The Rev Andrew S. Taylor from the Union Church, Greenock.

The Rev Michael Bunce, Rector

of St Andrews, Brechin, to be Provost of St Paul's Cathedral,

The Rev Paul Harvie, Vice-Provost of St Paul's Cathedral, Dundee to be Rector of St Sal-

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Women's Advertising Club

Carmen's Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sher-iffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Carmen's Company held at Plaisterers' Hall last night. Mr K.E. Parry, Master, presided, assisted by Sir Peter Levene, Junior Warden. The Lord Mayor, Sir Robert Reid and Mr Malcolm Rificind, QC, Secretary of State for Transport, also spoke Others present included:

The Ambassador of Lovembourg and hime Mollior, the Bishop of Kensington and Mcs Hoghes, the Massier of the Paissrever's Company and Mrs Warrell and Erigadier M.W. Bests (Director of Moyeuscents Garneys) Law Officers of the Crown

The Law Officers of the Crown were host at a dinner given last night at Brooks's Club in honour of Lord Shawcross, QC. The guests included:

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Lord Mackey of Casaften, Lord
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Fercival, QC, Sir John Ralley, Sir Basil
Ball, Sir Thomas Hetherlagon, QC, Sir
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Saunders, Miss Juliet Wheldon and Mr
Michael de Winnon.

Overseas Graduates Lady French, Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, and Mr David Emms, director, received the guess at the annual law faculty dinner for graduates of London House and William House and William Goodenhough House beid last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Among those present were:

Lord and Lady Reith of Kinkel, Lord and Lady Wilbertover, Lord Wigoder, QC, and Lady Wigoder, Lord Justice State-ellers, Lord Justice Pargatherson, Lord Justice and Lady Taylor, Mr Justice and Lady Audi, Mr Justice Presch, Mr Justice Knes, Mr Justice and Lady

#### Today's royal engagements

Owen, Mr Justice and Lady Potter, Sir-Peter and Lady Imber, Professor Dema Margaret Turnes-Warwick, Tudge and Mrs Lymbery, Mr C Aldons, GC, and Mrs Lymbery, Mr C Aldons, GC, and Mrs Alway, QC, and Mrs Harvey, Professor GC, and Mrs Edwards-Stuart, Mr M Harvey, QC, and Mrs Harvey, Professor Rosemany Higgins, QC, Mr G E Moristry, QC, Mr R Perchas, QC, and Mrs Purchas and Mr C Stamburok, QC. The Princess of Wales will open the Daily Mail's Ideal Home exhibition at the Earl's Court Exhibition Centre at 10.30. The Princess Royal, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will arrend the annual church service at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall at 11.55; and, as Chan-cellor of London University, she will attend the Presentation Day Ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00. As President of the Royal-Yachting Association she will attend the annual meeting at 5.00, followed by the Commodore reception at the Inn on the Park Hotel; and, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will attend the Dawson International presenta-tion and different at the Dorchester hotel at 8.00.

Reception

Harrogute College Union
The Master of the Worshipful
Company of Spectacle Makers
and Mrs J.L. Kennerley Bankes,
Chairman of Harrogate College
Union, held a reception last might
for members of the London branch at the Apothecaries Hall. The principal guest was Mrs Cymbia Lawrance, Headmistress, Harrogete Ledies College, and others attending included Mrs Beny Wheateroft, secretary, and Mrs Sylvia Gordon, London branch secretary.

**Poulters' Company** The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Dr C.P. Juniper, Upper Warden, Mr D.C. Butcher: Renter Warden,

#### **Birthdays** today

Mr Douglas Adams, author, 40; Mr Terence Alexander, actor, 69; Miss Agatha Barbara, former president, Malta, 69: Sir John patenent, Manne, 65; 5tr John Batten, former Physician to The Queen, 68; Dr John Beynon, principal, King's College London, 53; Professor A.O. Bens, former principal, Royal Veterinary Coll-cge, 65; Miss Louise Brough, tennis player, 69; Mr B.W. Col-lins, headmaster, Leeds Grammar School, 54; Lord Congle 62; Sir Kenneth Dover, former president, Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 72; Mr D.J. Enright, writer, 72; Mr Peter Eyre, actor, 50; Mr David Gentleman, painter and designer, 62; Mr Jonathan Gestetner, former joint president, Gestetner Holdings, 52; Professor T.C. Gray, anaetheric 20.

Miss Margaret Herbison, for-mer MP, 85; Viscount Hood, 74; Mr Raymond Jackson (Jak), cartoonist, 65; Mr Nigel Lawson, MP. 60: Sir Fitzroy Matlean, former MP, 81; Sir Henry Marking, former chairman, British Tourist Authority, 72; Mr Timothy Mason, former director, Scot-tish Arts Council, 47; Mrs V.J.K. Milligan, industrial consultant, 66; Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, former Recorder of London, 67: Air Marshal Sir Alec Morris, 66: Lord Mowbray and Stourton, 69; Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive, The News Corporation, 61; Miss Erica O'Donnell, founder, Study Centre for the History of the Fine and Deposition Acts. 71; Mr. Musters Decorative Arts, 72; Mr Justice Pill, 54; Sir Iain Tennant, Lord Lieunenant of Morayshire, 73; Miss Patricia Tindale, architect 66; Mr Ron Todd, trades union-ist, 65; Sir Peter Wahers, chairman, Midland Bank, 61; Lord Wilberforce, 85; Lord Wilson of Rievanix, 76.

Luncheon

City and Guilds of Louden Institute Mr P.C. Wates, Chairman of Council, and Honorary Officers of the City and Guilds of London Institute were bosts at a limitheum given on March 5, at Merchant Taylors Hall, London, EC2. Diplomas of Honorary Fellow-ship of the City and Guilds of London Institute were presented to Sir David Alliance, Mr John Asprey, Sir Clifford Chetwood, Mr Robert Evans, Mr Robert Horton, Sir Ian MacLaurin, Mr Roy Roberts, Mrs Anits Roddick, Mr Peter Schlutz and Sir Robert

At its yearly meeting which followed the luncheon Diplomas of Fellowship which had been conferred under the Institute's Senior Awards Structure were resented to Mr Robert Arculus. Mr Colin Bates, Dr Kenneth Beauchamp, Professor John Flood, Mr Stanley Jennings, Colonel Alan Roberts, Professor Codric Shorey and Mr Geoffrey

The City and Guilds Certifi-cates of Craft Excellence were presented to Mr Wally Barnes for engineering craft, Mr David Gar-rett for woodcarving and Mr Andrew Woodcrson for musical instrument manufacture. Among others present were Sir David Woodbine Porish and the East of Selborne, Vice Presidents of the

**Royal Warrant** Holders' Association

The following have been elected officers of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association for the ensuing year: President, Mr David Palengat; Vice-President, Mr Richard George; Honorary Treasurer, Mr Bam H.G. Twining.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. M. Banks and Miss C. B. J. Macaskie

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Banks, of Kington, Herefordshire, and Chloë, youngest daughter of Mr James Macaskie and the late Josephine Macaskie, of Yarlington, Somerset.

Mr M.C.W. Bateman and Miss G.L. Rowan-Thomson The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bateman. of Gerrards Cross. Buck-inghamshire. and Georgina. eldest daughter of Commander and Mrs Graeme Rowar-Thomson, of Corton Denham, Sherborne, Dorset.

Mr S.C. Bird and Miss J. Norton The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Bird, of Fetcham Park, Surrey, and Judy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Notion, of Copthorne, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Andrzej, only son of Mr and Mrs W.E. Ciecierski, of London, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs K.C. Holmes, of Heidelberg,

Mr T.S. Derby and Miss F.M.H. Vickers The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Darby, of Stoney Stratford, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Lieutenant General Sir Richard and Lady Vickers, of Minterne Parva.

and Miss C.S. Pratt The engagement is announced between Kenneth, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Devine, of Edinburgh, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pratt, of Bookham,

Mr D. Garland and Miss E. Ashplant The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Sir Victor and Lady Garland, of Knightsbridge, London, and Elaine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ashplam, of Bucklebury, Berkshire.

Mr M.R. Gray and Miss L.J. Banbury The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Gray, of Ingoe, Northumberland, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Banbury, of Iddesleigh, Devon.

Jesus College plans new court

college celebrates its 500th anniversary in 1996.

keeping with older buildings on the college site. Evans and Shalev, a London architectural practice, has been instructed to prepare

Mr T.A. Issa and Miss N.A. Reed The engagement is announced between Thomas Alexander, son of Mr M.A. Issa, FDS, RCS, and Mrs C.S. Issa, of Gerrards Cross. Buckinghamshire, and Nicola Anne, only daughter of Dr P.I. Reed, FRCP, and Mrs S. Reed, of

Mr J.N. Lewis and Miss J.E. Giddens Mr and Mrs JC. Giddens, of Mr and Mrs J.C. Cloudens, of Treleigh. Cornwall, are delighted to announce the engagement of their only daughter. Julie Elizabeth, to Jeremy Nell, eldest son of the late Mr S.M. Lewis and Mrs S. Lewis of Hampstead Mrs S. Lewis. of Hampstead.

Mr T.M. Raddiffe and Miss C.Z. Bates and Miss C.Z. Bates
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Raddliffe, of Bodedern. Anglesey, and Celina. only daughter of Sir Geoftrey Bates, Bt. MC, of Gyrn Castle. Lianasa, Holywell, Clwyd, and the late Lady Olivia Bates

London.

Mr JJ. Sice and Miss K.G. Griffin and Miss R.G. Grains
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs R. Sice, of Redhill, Surrey, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Griffin, of Perranwell, Truro, Cornwall.

Mr M.T.M. Stapleton and Signorina S. Pasqualini The engagement is announced between Mark elder son of Wing Commander and Mrs W. Stapleton, of London, and Serenella, elder daughter of Signor and Signora S. Pasqualini, of Turin, Italy.

Mr A. Stapleton and Miss K. English

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of wing Commander and Mrs W. Stapleton. of London. and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. English, of Worthing.

Marriage

Dr H. Boothby The marriage took place on Saturday at The Cathedral, Brecon, of Dr Harry Boothby, son of the late Mr Basil Boothby and of Mrs Boothby, of London, and Miss Laura de la Mare, daughter of Mrs Nicolas Paravicini, of of Mrs Nicolas Paravicini, of Brecon, Powys. The Dean of Brecon, the Very Rev Huw Jones, and Father David Tobin

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Caspar de la Mare, was attended by Margaret Maclean, Catherine Maclean, Beatrice Read, Poppy Chancellor and Roland and Frankle Boothby.

A reception was held at Glyn Celyn House and the honeymoon will be spent in Ireland.

Jesus College, Cambridge, has announced a £1.5 million build-ing scheme. A new court is planned and the first stage should

It has raised enough funds for a library and computing centre. Student accommodation and an auditorium will be erected as

The development will be in

St Swithun's School, Winchester

Scholarships have been awarded to the following girls for the Academic year 1992-93.

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March 9th. at Herrogale General Hospital, to May and Simon, Iwin sons, Henry and HERRY - On March 7(h at 12.55, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to ingrid and Carl. a son. Master Sasha James. With thunks to all the staff.

MEWITT - On March 6th, to Ros and Jamie, a son, Harry Moutray. a brother for Eleanor.

MUNITER - On February 22nd, to Marte-Josée, wife of Duncan, a son, Maximillen Louis Duncan, programmer 25th, to Selina (née Beresford-Jones) and Tim, a son, Oliver Max.

LEEMING - On March 9th 1992, to Elizabeth and Anlony, a son, Richard Fergus, METHELEEN-JONES - On METKUEN-JONES - On

February 24th at the City Heaptest. Derity, in Christian (Citie) and Rebert a daughter Keziah Lymne (Gibs 1202), a sister for Toresa Mary. RATHABE - On March 6th to Ruth (nee Corb) and Barry, a happy healthy son, Frederick Alistair Corb-Nathan. Alistair Corti-Nathan.

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ROCEES-COLTMAN - On
March 10th, to Flona (nde
Thompson) and Phillip, a son,
a brother for Lucy,

20037 a ground for Lincy.

SCOTT - On February 11th at
Queen Mary Hospital: Pok
Pu Lam. Hong Kong.
Catherine Gaynor, wife of
John Scott, was delivered of
a daughter and term seen. a daughter and two soms, babel. Guy and James

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brother for Hugo.
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1992, to Caro Inée Godiee)
and David, a daughter,
Rachel Alice Lodge, a sister
for James and Kale.

DEATHS

SEED - On Sunday Murch Sth. peacefully in this steep at home. Benjamin. deeply toved by all his family and friends. Futeral at Golders Green Crematerium on Friday March 13th in West Court 13th in Court 10 or 1

BOWLEY - On March 7th.
Ursula Mary Rimington.
pencefully in her sleep at
home. Funeral Service at St.
Mary's Church. Giston.
Emec. at 3 pm Priday March
35th.

FEERY - On Monday March
9th, peacefully, Moyra, Dear
stater of Shella, Michael and
Peter. Requiern Mans al
11.30 am Tuesday March
17th al St George and St
Teresa. Station Road.
Dorridge, followed by cremalion service al Robin Hood
Crematorium at 12.30 pm
for family and any friends
who would like to atlend.
PTZSERALD - Or Pabrusery who would like to alsend.

FITZGERALD - On February
22nd at home. Elizabeth
Dorothea Maud (Born Fieetwood-lesketh), widow of the
late Brian Fitzgeraid
(author), aged 77. Private
fumeral took place at The
Kensington Centetery,
Gunnersbury. Ealing on
Wednesday March 4th 1992.

GLAZE - On March 4th 1992.

peacefully. Enrina Louise
Evelyn. aged 94 years, sister
of the late Barbara and of
Francesca. Joan and Sybil.
Fixneral Service at St
Thomas Church. Lymington
on Wednesday March 18th
at 2.15 pm. HILL - On March 9th, Str.
Richard, Bt., M.B.E.,
K.O.S.B., only son of Mrs
Kathleen Hill, after a long
liness, peacefully at Erskine
Hospital,
Renfrewshirk, Cremation
service at Chylebook Crema-

Goucester Place, London.

HILL - On March 7th, peacerolity after a short illness. Barbara Many, aged 82. Belowed wife of the late Major Raiph Hill and a much loved mother and grandmother, Cremation at Canachabe on Priday March 13th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, doustions if desired to Cancer Research.

ICHES - On Monday March
9th. Douglas James King.
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husband of Bethy, loved and
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Malcolm and Jeffrey and
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Please, no flowers, Thanks
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LETHEM - On March 8th, peacefully at Crown House, Ealing, Lorna Labage, dear daughter of 8th and Berbara. Requiem Mans at St Benedict's Abbey, Ealing, on Thursday March 12th at 12.45 pm.

12.45 pm.

LEWIS - On March 7th 1992, at The Royal Barlonbre Hospital, Reading, after a long and courageous fight against leukasenda. Henry, formerly of Initial Services (BET) and The Reyal Tank Regiment. Cresuation, family novers tally, donations if dealred, to Dr. Frank Booth MB, Royal Beristre Hospital, Reading, c/o Cyrti H Lovegrove (Funeral Directors), 141 Oxford Road, Reading, bit (0734) 572016.

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MASSEY - On March 9th, peacefully at his home in Tealby. Michael, former Rector of Walesty, much loved husband of Lornal loving fether of Jim and Hobin. Puneral Service on Salurday March 14th al 2pm at St Peter and St Paul's Walesty. All carpains is K. Mason and Partners Funeral Directors. 14th (19673) 1942621. Hospital, Hospital, Hospital, Renfrewshire. Cremation service at Clydebank Cremation torium. Bishopton, on March. 17th at 11.30. No flowers please, donations to British Heart Foundation. 57 Gourester Place, London.

JACOBS - On March 6th 1992, Huph Wymark, aged 86 years. Formerty of Hendop Lane, N3. Burial at Hendon Cemetery on March 13th 1992 at 3 pm.

DEATHS OAMLEY On March 97, after a short those and in the 91st year, Mary Dorothea, of Santty Hullon, York Chaldy of Reignia, Survey). Much loved by Ann, Jumiler, John, 11 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

OLDFIELD - On Thursday
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Thursday March LIDs as the Thursian Nearth Lith at the Co-operative Puperail Directors, 104 Lowfleld Street, Dartford, Kent All are welcome at the service at Elitum Crussalorium on Friday March 13th 11 am.

ACKWOOD - On Sunstay March 17th, Ebwar John, has in Nahront, than Indianal of George for almost 50 years, before of inst, Aust Odesen), Charles and Nick, Thursian of Prantes, Eds. John Scheld, Martagure and Jack, Funeral at Barham Crematorium Mendan March 15th at 1 pett. No flowers but donations to Pligrins Hospice Caniferbury wescomed.

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PALIMEN - On March 50: 1992. peschilly. Francis Noel. MA. BD. aged 94, former Vicar of St John's Church. Brossley 1984-1969. Devoted husband of Jone and loving failter of Catherine, Joy. Berckey and ins inte John. Service at Harly Trinity Church, March 12th at 2pmt. followed by burial. Flowers to Gove Brothers. Ltd. Marquie or if preferred doubtions to Holy Trinity Church. Margain.

PRICE - Do March 3th. means.

considers to Holy Trimity Church, March 8th, peace-fully following a stroke and short librows, barne with great dignity and humour. John Graham (Both, beloved justime) of the last Honor Lea, greatly loved further of Crasmin of Seminate, during the stroker of Valerie, reach loved grandaller of Deniel, Jonatham, James Robert and Richard. We shall retreenber him. Fumeral Service at Strategy March 10th at 12 moon, followed by private cranation. Enquiries and simple flowers only is Duminos flowed by private cranation. Enquiries and simple flowers only is Duminos flowed by private cranation. Enquiries and simple flowers only is Duminos flowed by private cranation. Enquiries and cranation of the late Strategy John, aged 73. Last surviving son of the late Strategy and Nathalia Ridge, Pimeral private.

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SIMPSON - On Mouday March 9th 1992, suddenly at home in Jersey, W.B.S. (7lm) Group Captain RAF (witd), aged 76. A much loved husband, father and grandfather, At his own req private family funeral.

SPARICS - On March 6th 1992, suddenly, Dr. John Peet, MD, FRCP, agod 77, father of Hammy and Sasse. grandfather of John and James. No flowers by request, all enquiries to Walton & Taylor Funeral Service, 16 Railvety Terrace. Rogby, 1st: (0798) 543008.

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TURNIGHA - On Marth Sib., Robert William. Formerly Canon of Wakefield, Lalely resident in Section 5. Peacefully at Rowcroft Hospice. Funeral at 10.30mm Monday March 16th at Buckfast Abley, Davish.

WEESCS — On March 9th, peaculaity at home offer a long battle against cateour.
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weil tree OH - On March 7th, peacefully in her steep whole visiting her daughter to Victoria B.C., Lorna Merry, mother of Mary June and Rupert, greatly loved by all her femily end Briends. Memorial Service at 2.30 pm on Gaturdar March 21st at 52 Merry's Church, Klopadere, followed by haried of the affices. Please no flowers, but donations appreciated to NSPCC. 16 Hatten Garden, London ECI.

WOO'S MUNITE - Cn Narch 9th, suddenly at home. Barbara Stuart (mie Fell), aged 20 years. Dovoted widow of Jack and much lived motion of Alisan, Ruth sevind molitar of a said Clare. cremation

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

CLARK - Temy who filed it in March 1991. A year has passed and you are always in our thoughts, his wife Tereso and daughters 1,710% and Same 1. A time will be said in the Callotic Church, Falpham, Wednesday 11th. 1969. Every day with love we removaber. May God hald you in the hollow of late hand. Muntany, Daddy, Francis and Nikki.

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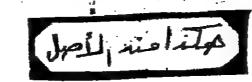
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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### DWIGHT BOLINGER

Dwight Lemerton Bolinger, teacher of linguistics, died on February 23 aged 84. He was born on August 18, 1907, in Topeka, Kansas.

DWIGHT Bolinger was one of the most influential and respected figures in the fields of linguistics and of Spanish language studies. His interest in the expressive power of language had a practical application. Always noted for his humanitarian views and for his vigorously-expressed opposition to the policies of the American government, he produced in Language: the Loaded Weapon (1980) a revealing and thoroughlydocumented study of how language can be, and is, used at all levels of power for deliberate obfuscation.

The most characteristic, and perhaps the most fundamentally important, aspect of his contribution to language study was his conviction that its goal is not, or should not be, the impossible one of forcing the complexity of human language into a single descriptive system, but that of appreciating the infinite range of its communicative resources and the delicacy with which they are employed by ordinary speakers.

Bolinger graduated with a BA from Washburn University, and then took an MA from Kansas University and a PhD from Wisconsin University, where he took up his first teaching post as Spanish in-structor in 1936. From then until his retirement in 1973. he held posts at various American universities, the last being professor of romance languages and lin-guistics at Harvard. He was elected president of the Linguistic Society of America in 1972 and president of the newly-founded Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States in 1975. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a corresponding mem-ber of the Royal Spanish Academy, and (in 1990) a corresponding fellow of the

British Academy. His publications number well over 300 books and articles, including Aspects of Language (1968, revised 1977), Degree Words (1972), Meaning and Form (1975), and Intonation and its Paris (1986). His last published Words and Grammar (1991), a collection of previously-published articles, each

with a new introduction. Bolinger's interest in lan-

**Appointments** 

The following to be members of

the Privy Council: Mr Donald

McKinnon, Deputy Prime Min-ister, New Zenland; Mr William

Birch, Minister of Labour, New

Zealand, Mr Justice Gault and

Mr Justice McKay, both judges of

the New Zealand Court of Appeal.

Mr John Scotford to be a Public

Dr Bridget Ogilvie to be a Trustee

of the Science Museum.

Baroness Blackstone to be a

Trustee of the British Museum.

Mr Peter Gilmour Note Badge to be Chief Metropolitan Stipen-

diary Magistrate, from July 30, in

succession to Sir David Hopkin,

Mr Robin Holmes, Admin-

istrator, Midland and Oxford

Circuit, to be Head of Appoint-

ments Group, Lord Chancellor's

Department, in succession to Mr

Mr Laurence Oates, Head of the

Lord Chancellor's Department's

Legal and Law Reform Group, to be Administrator of the Midland

Mr Richard White, Head of the

Lord Chancellor's Department's International Division, to be

Head of the Legal and Law

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who is retiring.

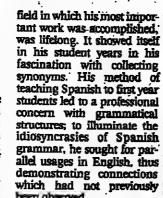
John Heritage.

and Oxford Circuit.

Reform Group.

Works Loan Commissioner.

Latest appointments include:



Another early interest, music, was applied to his linguistic investigations to produce his extensive and invaluable work on the intonational patterns of English and Spanish; an important scholarly achievement was to demonstrate, in an era when American linguistics seemed bent on reducing all language description to the permuta-tions of a limited number of units, that the complexities and subtleties of intonation simply could not be adequate-

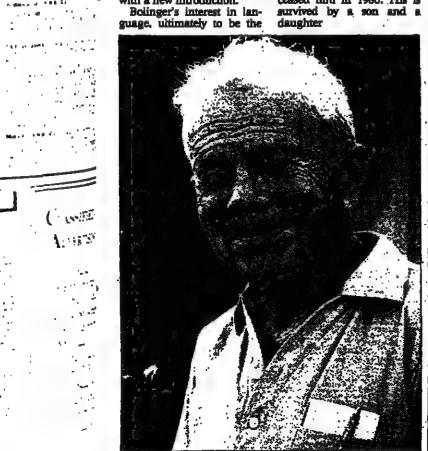
ly described in terms of a system of "pitch phonemes".

Bolinger's linguistic writ-ings were invariably characterised not only by his easy, lucid and often witty style, but by a brilliant capacity for observing and analys-ing subtle differences of meaning in deceptively similar expressions. At a time when linguistics was dominated by the highly abstract Chomskyan school ("theorising in the strato-sphere" as Bolinger once called it) his work was firmly grounded in actual usage. He invariably carried a notepad on which he jotted down any fragment of conversation which might serve to illustrate a grammatical or stylistic argument, and an

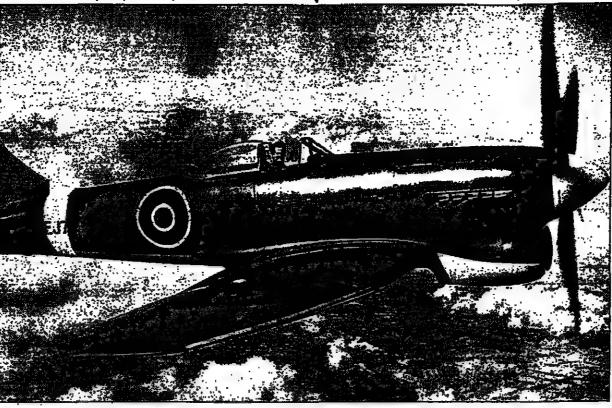
attractive feature of his writ-

tags was his use of patently real-life examples. In a long and active career, coinciding with the most argumentative years in the history of linguistics, Bolinger made and retained contact with a world-wide company of scholars and researchers in the field. Not the least noteworthy aspect of his scatternic life, and a sign of the personal quality of the man; is that in a field in which impassioned controversy was endemic, his relations with colleagues, differences of opinion notwithstanding, "were unfallingly"

Bolinger's wife Louise, née Schrynemaker, whom he married in 1934, prede-ceased him in 1986. His is survived by a son and a



#### BILL HUMBLE



Bill Humble at the controls of a Hawker Tempest fighter — scourge of the V-1 flying bomb

**DAVID BELL** 

decided to go into business. He returned

to Edinburgh in 1946 to start a small

shop. In this he was aided by St Dun-

stan's and King Farouk of Egypt. King

Farouk had read Bell's story in a British

newspaper and sent a gift of 25,000

monogrammed Egyptian cigarettes to

help start the business. Bell was able to

run the small tobacco and confectionery

shop with the aid of special equipment from St Dunstan's allowing him to take

money and give change - he manipulat-

ed this with startling speed and

William "Bill" Humble, MBE, test pilot, died on March I aged 80. He was bom on April 14, 1911.

BILL Humble seemed destined for the family coal mining business in Yorkshire after his education at Repton and Cambridge, where he qualified as a mining engineer. However, his heart was in the skies. After learning to fly in 1929 he became a member of 504 and 609 Squadrons of the Auxiliary Air Force. In the golden years of pre-war aviation he owned a number of aircraft and was recognised as an exceptionally talented pilot, achieving considerable success in the air racing events of that time.

After the outbreak of war he was invited to join the test pilot team of Hawker Aircraft

under the leadership of the

chief test pilot P. M. S.

(George) Bulman and his

David Bell, MBE, who was able to

use his own experience of severe

disabled, died on March 2 aged 71.

He was born in Edinburgh on February 6, 1921.

DAVID Bell practised courage and per-

sistence in the face of misfortune which

left him doubly disabled — both blind and handless. His father was "an old contemptible" and had been taken pris-

oner in the Battle of the Somme. David

Bell was educated at Leith Academy and

before the war was an apprentice draughtsman although he was a St

Andrew's ambulance volunteer and after

the war intended to study medicine. After Munich, he tried to join 603

Squadron RAAF but being in a reserve

profession was rejected. He then wan-

gled his way into the Royal Engineers

and was in the First Field Squadron

Royal Engineers from Tobruk to Ben-

ghazi. At the Battle of Knightsbridge he

was clearing mines in outer defences to

let guards and tanks out when a mine

blew up in his face. He lost his sight, part of one arm from above the elbow, the

other from above the wrist and was

Evacuated to South Africa he recov-

ered and surgeons rebuilt his limbs to

give him a residual grip in his left arm. But he had no sense of touch. General

Smuts who visited the hospital was so

impressed by David Bell's spirit that he

presented him with his own Victory Pin.

the St Dunstan's rehabilitation centre

where he was taught how to type and

took up the trombone. He intended to

study languages and become an inter-

preter but his marriage to Miss Sibyl

Page, who was a volunteer with St

Dunstan's, changed that plan and he

Bell returned to England in 1943, to

unconscious for two months.

deputy, Philip Lucas. Initially Bill Humble tested Hurricanes, which were being produced at a rate of seven a day during 1940-4). His ability as a pilot and potential aptitude for test flying were soon recognised and he became involved in development work on the Hawker Typhoon. which became the RAF's successful "tank-buster" in Normandy. This led to him becoming experimental test pilot for the prototypes of the Tempest, later so effective

It was during development of the Fury, with the then troublesome Centaurus engine, that he saved the prototype on a number of occasions following mechanical failure. It was also the period in fighter development when the hitherto uncharted effects of compressibility first arose during high speed dives -

against the V-1, Fury and Sea

Fury.

later becoming known as the sound barrier - giving rise to hazardous handling problems. During his period of flight testing at Hawker six of

his colleagues were killed. At the end of the war Bill Humble became Hawker's chief test pilot and made the first flight with the jet-powered P1040 from Boscombe Down on September 2, 1947. He continued development work on this and the N7/46 prototype of the successful Senhawk naval fighter until his retirement

from test flying in 1948.

Bill Humble will also be remembered as being one of the finest exponents of display flying of his time, as he proved at the post-war Society of British Aircraft Constructory air shows at Radlett and Farnborough in the Sea Fury. Demonstration flying of this calibre contributed greatly to the export success of the

Hawker products. For his services to British aviation he was appointed MBE in 1949. After his retirement from test flying Bill Humble remained with the Hawker Siddeley group as a sales ex-

ecutive, with the Middle East

as his principal territory. He enjoyed travel and acting as aviation ambassador as he moved around between Cairo, Beirut and Cyprus. In his business career he retained the laconic manner and surface relaxation that

had characterised his test pilot days. Then, when things went wrong, all was passed off as a "dicey do". On one occasion when Humble was stranded in Athens with a troubiesome Sea Fury on a delivery flight he sent a brief telegram — "Send funds, starving". He is is survived by his

second wife Georgina, and a

eh University. Be

The business prospered and expanded but he decided to resume his education

handless he was unable to use braille but

was helped by many student friends who

read to him and composed lecture notes with him. He graduated with an MA in

1952 and a BComm in 1955. He

continued to take an interest in the

university as president of the undergrad-

uates' association and the commerce

graduates' association (1965-67) and he

sat on the business committee of Edin-

burgh University's council from 1980-

1983. He continued to work on behalf of

the disabled during this time and was

nominated to local and regional hospital

boards. He was vice-president of the National Federation of the Blind and on

the Scottish appeals board of the BBC.

In December 1957 he was the subject of

for the disabled and was active in the

Round Table, setting up the Ex-Tablers Club (41 Club) in Edinburgh. His lin-

guistic skills were much in evidence in international fund-raising and cam-

paigning. He was the 41 Club's presi-

dent from 1969-70 and lectured in

French and German to ex-servicemen's

organisations and business groups. He

campaigned actively for European rec-

onciliation and in 1972 was appointed

In the 1970s he continued to cam-

paign but suffered increasingly poor health and for this reason moved in the

mid-1980s to Haywards Heath to be

near the St Dunstan's Blind Ex-Service-

men's Association. He was gregarious

but was also a man who could not stand

to hear his "nothings monstered." A bon

viveur, he was an inspiration to many

He leaves a wife and two children.

sighted as well as disabled people.

MBE for his work for the disabled.

Eamonn Andrews's This Is Your Life. He continued to campaign and work

**APPRECIATIONS** 

Art Babbitt

AS WELL as being a great animator, Art Babbitt (obituary March 9) was a great teacher and made a major impact on British animators. The most exciting month of my professional life was when Art first gave a four-week seminar at my Soho studio in 1974, when he revealed the Hollywood secrets of animation with outstanding clarity and precision. This was like water in the desert for us. I wrote down almost every word he said and these notes have ended up as a kind of unpublished instruction book, used world-wide. He had, in his words, "the low blood pressure of a teacher", and his patience was extraordinary, balanced with a crusty "don't think you know it all, kid."

He left Hanna Barbera in 1975, and spent his last years working on my forthcoming feature. The Thief and The Cobbler, developing the character of King Nod, and doing preliminary animation on the cobbler as well as teaching OUT STATE.

Babbitt had an unusual lucidity, a surgeon's mind. Most animators aren't known for their coherence they have trouble talking about what they're doing. This is because it is not a language of tongue. But Bab-bitt had no difficulty in explaining how to construct an action, a walk, where the weight is, or how to accent a



sture. And he had the whole arranged in a logical teaching order and system. He really collated the al-

phabet of the study of movement. He was particularly brilliant at animating dancing. In the" Dance of the Chinese Mushrooms" in Fantasia, his sense of timing and understanding of rhythm created a little masterpiece in less than a minute of screen

His effect on many young animators world-wide was enormous. He cared deeply about teaching, and was writing an epic instruction book on animation, but I could never get him to finish it to get it published. Somewhere along the line, Art decided it was to be a university course. not just a book. He wished to leave a legacy to animators. He has.

Richard Williams

#### **Florence** Tim-oi Li

Tim-oi Li ( March 3) who in 1944 was the first woman to be ordained priest in the Anglican Church, brought to mind a decision made as early as 1922 by the board of directors of the London Missionary Society "to approve the ordination of women on the same conditions as in the case of men". As recorded in The Chronicle of that year, the directors approved "the principle that sex should not be a disqualification for the ordination of women for service in the mission field, the

soil which numered Florence Tim-oi Li. In the face of the many challenges taken up by the Christian church in the mission field — evangelical, educational, and medical -



given much expression and due recognition. The pressing need for common sense and cooperation in such work was conveyed to me by my parents - Bishop Horace G. Watts and Ruth Jenkins Watts both Anglican missionaries in China in the 1920s.

Mrs Margaret E. Webb

#### Oscar Broneer

YOUR account of some of Oscar Broneer's archaeological achievements (obituary March 4) lacked the space to do equal justice to his personal qualities. Others are more qualified than I to write of these, since I did not meet him until he was approaching his 90th year. Then, despite great physical disability,

the Mycensean Wall he had discovered earlier on the Corinthian Isthmus. His erudition (he once

learnt five languages concurrently) was modest and generously shared; and his simple. warm manner was complemented by a fine physique and presence. To listen to him recount his parents' life in the backwoods of mid-19th century Sweden, was to be transported to a vanished Europe.

Dr Douald Field

he led me up hot, steep hillsides to relocate sections of

March 11 ON THIS DAY 1905

\* The same of the The Russo-Japanese war began with Japan's surprise attack on Port Arthur. Russia's defeat at Mukden. the capital of Manchuria,

and the destruction of its fleet completed its humiliation

and the warended in September.

**CAPTURE OF** MUKDEN TOKIO - The following official telegram, dated to-day, was received in Tokio this

"To-day at 10am we occupied Mukden. "Our enveloping movement, which has been proceeding

since several days, has complenely attained its object. "Fierce engagements are now in progress at various places near Mukden. "We have taken an exceed-

ingly large number of pris-oners, and quantities of arms. ammunition, provisions, fod-der, and war material, but it has been impossible yet to count them" ...

KUROPATKIN SURROUNDED ST PETERSBURG - There is

no longer scope for optimism. The gravest fears are entertained for the safety of the army. The Russians have been compelled to leave Mukden, which has already been occupied by the Japanese. Kuropat-kin is delivering a last desperate blow against the enemy, who are surrounding him on every side.

Such is the picture of the situation given by the latest Russian despatches. These, as well as Tokio reports of the surrounding of 200,000 men, were stopped by the censor-ship. Consequently the general public is still unaware of the gravity of the situation, and continues to enjoy itself after the customary fashion of

carnival week. It was late this evening when the official news of the surren-

der of Mukden appeared. The last unofficial messages transmitted by the Mukden telegraph office yesterday eve-ning and received this morn-ing said that a decisive battle was proceeding north of the city. Oku's forces were consantly increasing. The men had lost hope of victory and were going out to fight with the conviction that they were being sacrificed to save the rest of the

Telegraphic and railway communication with Mukden was finally severed late on was many severed late on Thursday. This is here re-garded as a sign that the Japanese are gradually hem-ming in Kuropatkin and gain-ing a permanent foothold on

According to an account of the final operations furnished by an officer of the General Staff, General Kaulbars, re-inforced by several corps belonging to General Linevitch and General Bilderling, has been withstanding General Oku's onslaught. General Kuropatkin has been person-ally directing the battle. General Dembovsky's corps was engaged the whole of Wednes-day night north of Fu-ling, and sustained terrible losses.

The 17th Corps, which was sent in support, succeeded in repulsing the enemy. This, it was hoped, would enable Kuropatkm to extricate the army under cover of a terrific sandstorm which prevailed on Thursday, but General Oku resumed the battle a few hours later, and Kuropatkin was again compelled to send his best troops to engage the foe.

The fiercest fighting was at San-tai-tse, six miles north-east, and at Wan-chen-tun. seven north of Mukden. The proximity of the latter point to the railway enabled the Japanese to destroy the track and shell the Mandarin Road.

An official report puts the Russian losses up to Thursday morning at 65,000. Officers of the General Staff refuse to consider Kuropatkin's position

#### Horticulture

# Edinburgh takes a gold medal

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture correspondent

THE Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, has won a gold medal for its unique exhibit of tender rhododendrons at the Royal Horticultural Society's early spring show which opened at Westminster yesterday.

This is the first time many of

these plants have been shown outside Edinburgh and they form an impressive centrepiece to the show, being staged in a natural looking setting, with epiphytic, or nee-dwelling, species mounted on mossy tree trunks.

Known as Vireya or Malesian rhododendrons, they have been collected for the Royal Botanic Garden by its resident scientist. Dr George Argent, from Malay-sia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. These mododendrons are rarely grown, but they make good cool greenhouse or conservatory plants.

Some distinctive species in the display include the epiphytic Rhododendron himantodes with clusters of white rounded flowers and narrow willowy fo-liage; the mound-forming R. grucilentum with red subular flowers; and the fragrant flowered hybrids. A particularly R. jasminiflorum with long tu-bular white flowers. Gold medals have also been

awarded to Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth, Comwall (trees, shrubs and ornamental plants); Butterfield's Nursery, of Bourne End, Buckinghamshire (for a display of pleiones): Potterion and Martin, of Nettleton, Lincolnshire (for a display of alpines and dwarf bulbs); and Southfield Nurseries, of Grimsby. South Humberside (for a display of cacti and

succulents).

The beautifully staged display of alpines and dwarf bulbs from Potterton and Martin includes convolalis, with sourced flowers and grey ferny foliage, which are in vogue; a collection of sacinages; and Primula allianii cultivars for the alpine house. cultivars for the alpine house. Butterfield's Nursery is a regular exhibitor at this show and has staged a large collection of pleanes, dwarf, almost hardy orchids for the alpine house, in all shades of pink, and with strong emphasis on the newer yellow-

good yellow is Pleione Shanning Ducar with crimson throat. Shrubs, trees and other ornmental plants with attractive spring flowers or foliage are being shown by Burncoose and South Down Nurseries, of Redruth. The large flowered woodland-garden magnolias with pink-flushed

flowers are especially eye-catching and include the Magnolia campbellii cultivars Charles Raffill' and 'Lanarth'. With cyclamen-purple flowers is Magnolia 'Caerhays' Belle'. Very well supported is the RHS early daffodil competition. Win-ner of the prestigious class for six cultivars is Mr Dan du Plessis, of Landulph, Cornwall. His exhibit includes two that he has introduced into the trade from North ern Ireland: white large cupped cultivars 'Chenoweth' and

'Colliford', both raised by daffodil grower Brian Duncan.
The show, sponsored by Witan Investment Company, is in the New Horticultural Hall, Grey-coat Street, Westminster, and is open today from 10am to 5pm.

Latest wills Lady Rhyl, of Swanmore, Hamp-

shire, widow of Lord Rhyl, the Conservative politician, left estate valued at £3,016,901 net. She left her estate to relatives. Sir John Stone, of Cambridge, economist, left estate valued at £390.073 net. Dr Julius Grant, of London SW7

forensic scientist, left estate valued at £2.380.320 net Mr Eroest William Skimmer, of St.

Minver, Wadebridge, Comwall, left estate valued at £1,160,885 Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Patrick Hickey, of Woking, Surrey \_\_\_\_\_E541,907 Mrs Carys Leighton Houston, of Wimbledon, London ...... 6683,839. Mr Arthur William Jordan of Inkberrow, Hereford and Worcester £575,920. Mr Arthur Morgan, of Newton 

North Mary Taylor, of Lewi-

sham, London \_\_\_\_\_\_£704,966. Mrs Minnie Brownlow, of Black-

burn, Lanes ......£527,890.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Torquato Tasso, poet,

Sorrento, 1544; William Huskisson, statesman, Birch Mireton, Hereford and Worcesriction, riction and works ter, 1770; Sir Henry Tate, sugar manufacturer, founder of the Tate Gallery. Chodey, Lan-cashire, 1819; Marius Petipa, choreographer, Marseilles, 1819; Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of meet weards on land and water. speed records on land and water, Chislehurst, Kent, 1885; Henry Cowell, composer, Menlo Park,

DEATHS: Hannah Cowley. dramatist and poet, Tiverton, 1809; Sir Alexander Mackenzie, explorer in North America, Mulnain, Dunkeld, 1820; Benjamin West, painter, president of the Royal Academy 1792-1820, London, 1820; Henry Drummond, theologian, Tumbridge Wells, 1897; Victor Hely-Hutchinson, composer. London, 1947; Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, Nobel laureate 1945, London, 1955; Richard Byrd, aviator and polar explorer, Boston, Massach 1957: Earl Stanley Gardner, crime writer, Temecula, Califor-

Luddite riots began, 1811. Bradfield reservoir, Sheffield burst its banks and over 250 people were drowned, 1864.

# Clarke gives last polish to curriculum proposals

By JOHN O'LEARY AND MATTHEW D'ANCONA

national curriculum was put in place yesterday, with Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, giving little ground to his critics in the music and art worlds.

Music and art have proved the most controversial subjects in the curriculum, since Mr Clarke increased the emphasis on Western culture and altered the division between theory and practice proposed by the govern-ment's working parties. Leading composers and artistes have conducted vigorous public campaigns to restore

#### **Driver** on murder charges

Continued from page 1 spect of a number of alleged offences including the kidnap and murder of Susan Maxwell in July and August 1982, the unlawful imprisonment and and murder of Caroline Hogg in July 1983, the kidnap and murder of Sarah Harper in March and April 1986 and the kidnap of Theresa Thornhill in April

Last night Sarah Hogg's grandmother, Mrs Mariene Hopton of Heckmondwike, West Yorkshire, said: "I am so relieved that someone is going to be charged and that there's light at the end of the

"In just two weeks it will be exactly six years to the day that Sarah was taken from us. We know that we still have some unpleasant experiences ahead of us, although life has to go on. How do you describe a child killer?

Mrs Hopton added: "I am relieved, but also anxious to see what develops and the Mr Black was described by

neighbours as shy and very quiet. He was not thought to have a girl friend. Officers from the five forces involved in the murder invesconference at which a pos-

sible link between the mur-

ders was discussed.

THE final element of the the original structures. Consultation on the government's draft orders ended only last week but, perhaps anticipating further criticism, Mr Clarke issued his final proposals for art, music and physical education immediately after the Chancellor's

Unless altered by parliament, the curricula will come into force from the beginning of the next school year. Mr Clarke's main concession has been to increase the weight given to non-Western music and art, allowing more flexibility for teachers to accommodate the interests of their pupils. However, he has insisted on a straightforward division of both subjects into theory and practice - in

music composing and per-forming have been merged. Musicians led by Simon Rattle, the musical director of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, have argued that the two activities should have their own attainment targets, in addition to that for listen ing and appraising, in order to preserve the practical side of the subject. A parallel campaign in the art world aims to divide practical work into in-vestigating and making. Mr Clarke said yesterday that the division of both sub-

jects into theory and practice was more manageable, espe-cially for non-specialist pri-mary teachers. Many of the arguments put forward by his critics were dismissed by Mr Clarke as "theoretical, symbolic and unreal". Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, said a Labour government would reopen consultation on the proposals even if the curricula were delayed by a year. "Mr Clarke is in danger of turning the good idea of a national curriculum into the very bad idea of a state svilabus.

Neil Hoyle, chief executive of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, said that the process of decision-making had been marked by "amateurish dabbling backed up by an bureaucratic over-prescrip-tiveness about what children should be studying" and Simon Mundy, of the National cused Mr Clarke of "running scared" by making the announcement on Budget day.



Fast forward: Mike Burrows, a bicycle designer, tests his new racing machine against a Lotus Elan driven by Rudy Thomann, a develop-ment engineer with the sports car manufacturer. Mr Thomann's interest in cycling has led to Lotus helping to develop the bicycle,

which has a one-piece frame and could eventually sell for more than £3,000. The frame is made from carbon fibre, which is lighter and stronger than steel, and has a single aluminium blade in place of the front-wheel fork. Lotus is carrying

and the results so far show that it is considerably faster than conventional rivals. Mr Burrows produced a prototype seven years ago but the cycling authorities barred the machine from the racetrack. The Union Cycliste Internationale has inded the ban. Patrick

Peal, a spokesman for Lotus, said yesterday: "We feel there is potenyesternay: We reet there is poten-tial to put this bicycle into produc-tion. We will announce a decision before the summer. If we do go ahead with the racing model, we might also produce road and moun-tain bike models too.

**Borrowing reflects** 

### Budget aims to aid recovery

Continued from page 1 as a give-away budget. It just hasn't got a giveaway ring."

Labour's reactions were typified by those of Joe Ashton, the MP for Bassetiaw, who said: "It's Roy Jenkins all over again. This isn't a Budget for an April election. There's more on beer and cigarettes and nothing in people's pockets until later. They won't win the election on

Conservative MPs took delight in the fact that Mr Lamont had stolen Labour's clothes. Mr Kinnock's party has been talking for some time about introducing a new lower rate band of tax. One minister said: "This leaves Kinnock to soak the rich to get his money", referring to Labour's intention of announcing new spending plans on the basis of the money that the Chancellor Mr Lamont said last night

that the "small tax cuts" he

had made were sustainable

and would not result in higher burtiens on future generations of taxpayers. There was nothing wrong with accepting the extra costs in a recession as VAT, income tax and corporation tax revenues fell and social security payments rose. He told the Commons that the cuts he had made were a signal of his party's readiness to move towards its target of a 20p standard rate of income tax. This could be

achieved either by widening the new 20p band or by re-ducing the rate of tax. Margaret Thatcher made no public comment last night on the Chancillor's package and Norman Tebbit, the former party chairman, gree.ed it as an ingenious package, saying that the Labour leader was having to wait for the opinion polls to make up his mind for him on what he thought of it. But some rightwing MPs continued to grumble about the scale of government spending and Sir Alan Walters, Mrs

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Thatcher's longtime economic adviser, told Chennel Four News that it was not a budget for recovery but a budget to win an election. "The size of the PSBR [public borrowing] could return to haunt the

Chancellor," he said. He said that the Budget might frighten investors and cause long-term interest rates to rise. This our economy needs like an anaemic needs

lecching".

Labour has moved into a three-point lead over the Conservatives, according to the latest opinion poli. The ICM survey for today's Guardian puts Labour on 42 per cent (up 2 per cent from last month). Conservatives 39 per month), Conservatives 39 per cent (down 1) and Liberal Democrats 15 per cent (down 1). The survey is in line with seven recent polls in the last 16 days, six of which have put the Opposition narrowly The last ICM/Guardian survey had the two main parties neck and neck on 40 per cent.

# impact of recession

Continued from page 1 priority. According to the long-term projections pub-lished with the Budget, the government hopes to reduce inflation to 2 per cent by the mid-1990s and to maintain

GDP growth of 3.5 per cent from 1993 onwards.
However, even with such a favourable economic performance, the Treasury predicted that the PSBR would grow to £32 billion in 1993-4 and would decline only slightly in the following two years. Only by 1996-7 would the PSBR fall significantly below £20 billion, to £6 billion. However, as a proportion of gross domestic product, the PSBR would fall below the European guideline of 3 per cent agreed at the Maastricht summit by 1995, allowing Britain to qualify for European monetary union.

Although the Chancelior declared that the government remained committed to the

goal of balancing the Budget over the course of an economic cycle, the Treasury's figures suggested that it would take higher taxes or cuts in public spending to achieve a bal-anced Budget even after four

years of strong growth. Economists in the City expressed surprise, and in some cases dismay, at the rapid deterioration of public fi-nances. "These borrowing figures are really quite horri-tying," said Ian Harnett of Strauss Turnbull, a City broker. Other commentators were more charitable. The Confederation of British Industry described the Budget as "positive" and gave a par-ticular welcome to the measures to help small firms and the car industry.

David Kerns, chief economist of National Westminster Bank. predicted the £28 billion PSBR would be per-ceived as prudent by the financial markets.

#### Smokin' Joe fights to avoid ash can

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

OLD Joe Camei is a cool dude who drives racing cars, plays a mean jazz piano and hangs out in nightspots surrounded by gorgeous women. Joe's only trouble is that he is far too successful at his job selling cigarettes.

Because of this, the Bush administration has made an unprecedented call for an advertising boycott of the character. But without legal backing it is almost certain to

be ignored. From coast to coast, Joe, the creation of a British advertising agency in 1974, can be seen on giant billboards engaged in macho pursuits or lolling in luxury. Feminists and other critics trace sexual suggestiveness in Joe's fea-tures, but the American Medical Association has found that six-year-olds could recognise him as quickly as Mickey Mouse and most knew he was associated with eigarettes.

Antonia Novello, the American Surgeon General, has denounced the advertising as "blatant and deplorable"



appeal to children and called on retailers to remove Joe from signs and billboards. She also wants newspapers and magazines to deny him

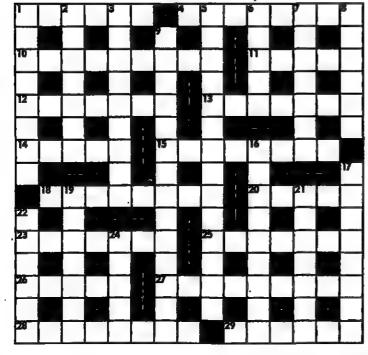
R.J Reynolds, the makers of Camel, refuse to comply and have denounced the government's chief medical officer as a would-be violator of the constitutional guarantee of free speech. So has Time Warner, whose magazines publish acres of Joe's adventures. The campaign is not aimed at children, Reynolds says, and "no linkage has been made between advertising and the consumption of cigarette products".

Joe's offence is in fact mild compared to the old-style cigarette advertising in America. which until the 1950s denicted doctors recommending their favourite brands to

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#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18.863



ACROSS I it can affect a hock well before French wine (6).

4 Might he follow a hobby, say, spasmodically? (8). 10 Place not recommended, cur-rently, for exchanging punches?

11 Rich entertainer (5). 12 High pitch? (7). 13 Not made up every day, in a

bones (5). 15 Pimento left in special stew (8). 18 Seafood for schools, not unnaturally, on board (8).

14 More than one spoke of these

20 Scale of calibrations? (5). 23 Mind but do not raise the issue?

Solution to Puzzle No 18.862

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I Wide lid of grave resting on openings (8). 2 Dido ran off to find a switched-

on sort of chap (7). Perception of socially-acceptable-5 Tiller girls in the second row?

(6.4.4). In diplomacy, one is understood without speaking (5). 7 Residence, almost palatial and very impressive (7). 8 Old bugle call - clear off left! (6).

9 He keeps order in the house and treats managers badly (8-2-4). 16 George under water? (5-4). 17 It is hard for players joining club

19 Lamb after a highball could be a bloomer! (7). 21 Pirate child at school? (7). 22 Which cricketer is presenting a wooden defence? (6)

24 Great hit or disaster? (5). Concise Crossword, page 13

A daily sefari through the oguage jungle. Which definitions are correct! By Philip Howard FECULENCE i. Fifthy settiment b. Thoughtlessness STALE LACTESCENT HOMUNCULUS

a. A little man
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c. The little finger Answers on page 24

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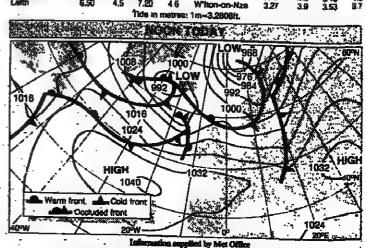
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group has reported lower profits and little prospect of an increase in prices. But the group is in no hurry to sell the Centenary diamond

LINES OUT

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Richard Lines, the founder of MTM, has resigned after profit varnings, and the finance director will follow soon Page 30

HOLIDAY RUSH



Buoyant package holiday operators are expecting a rush of enquiries after the general election, with bookings up 10 per cent

STRONGER

Strong & Fisher, the rescued leather group, is paying its first dividend for two years after making nearly £10 million profit Page 28

GLYNWED GROANS



Profits at Glynwed International, the industrial group headed by Gareth Davies, fell nearly two thirds. Тенирия, раде 30

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Gilts hit by £28bn borrowing forecast

# **Budget damps** hopes of cut in interest rates

BY MICHAEL CLARK AND NEIL BENNETT

next five years and the market

will clearly be nervous about

the political impact of the

Budget. The net tax cuts were

HOPES that the Budget would be swiftly followed: by a cut in interest rates to stimulate the economy began to fade as soon as Mr Lamont sat down. with leading brokers forecasting an early markdown in share prices and government bonds when trading resumes.

Gilt-edged stocks plunged more than £4 in response to the Chancellor's forecast of a £28 billion public sector bor-rowing requirement for 1992-3. The figure was higher than had been expected by overseas investors, who began to worry about the scale of gilt issues that will be needed to fund the shortfall.

The long gilt June future started the day at £96.66 and had fallen to £96.50 by the time the Chancellor stood up at 3.30pm. Soon after the PSBR announcement it fell to E96 and was still sliding in

late trading.

Don Smith, a gilts analyst at Greenwell Montagu, said the PSBR figure had dominated market sentiment. "The market was looking for an explanation for the size of the PSBR and did not find any. The Treasury is being urusually realistic about its forecasts." He added that the market was waifing to gauge.

public opinion before making any decisive move. tap stock in the secondary market, which will be used to Mark Cliffe, chief economist at the Nomura Research Institute, said the Budget would have a negative impacton the market all-round, There should be grave doubts about the projected decline in the PSBR over the

much smaller than The Bank of England said it plans to raise the funds for next year's PSBR through gilt increased contribution from National Savings, through the Guaranteed Growth Bond, its new product. Analysts forecast that the Bank will need to raise up to

£33 billion in gilts. The Bank said that half the target would be raised through gilt auctions every two months in 1992-3, similar to its operations in the current year. Each of these auctions will

offer between £2 billion and £3 billion of gilts and cover a range of maturity dates. The auctions will allow non-competitive bids of up to £500,000 to encourage small

The auctions will be combined with continuing sales of

# **UK** could better German inilation

By COLIN NARRROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

PRICE inflation in western Germany accelerated last month to a year-on-year figure of 4.3 per cent, up from 4 per cent in January. That means Britain's rate of price increases could soon be lower than that in what has traditionally been Europe's best performer on inflation, for the first time in almost a

Britain's retail price index. out on Friday next week, is expected to show annual inflation falling below 4 per cent from 4.1 per cent in

January. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, jumped the gun last October when he told the Conservative party conference that he expected to pre-side over the inflation crossover with Germany "soon".

Government data published yesterday, before the Budget, showed factory gate prices charged by British manufacturers rising 0:4 per cent in February for an annual increase of 4.4 per cent. unchanged from January. That was the lowest annual increase for four years. Ex-cluding the volatile food, drink and tobacco sector, the underlying annual rise was 2.8 per cent, down from 3.1

per cent in January Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, said the

latest three-month comparison suggested an underlying

annual rate of just 2.2 per Gerard Lyons, chief economist at DKB International. said an important difference between Germany and Britain was that unification had. pushed up inflation for the Germans, while recession had pushed it down in

Provisional figures showed a 0.6 per cerit rise in the cost of living in western Germany last month. The annual rate is expected to rise further in the months ahead, peaking at about 4.5 per cent. Rising inflation is expected to prevent the Bundesbank from lowering key interest rates until the third quarter.

The prices British manufacturers paid for raw materials and fuel rose at a higher rate in February than in January. The seasonally adjusted rise of 1.6 per cent last month was above what City forecasters had expected.

The worrying jump, which was the first monthly increase since last July, turned Jamuary's annual decline of 1.1 per cent into an annual rise of 0.5 per cent. Higher livestock prices were given as the main reason. Economists none the less believe that British core inflation is heading down.

take advantage of the market when it is strong. If these methods fail to raise the necessary sums, the Bank will also offer stock by tender at a minimum price. The Bank said it hoped these issues would be infrequent because of the regular auctions. The foreign exchange mar-

kets failed to provide any comfort to the gilts market or the government. Sterling slid lower during the Budget speech as the Chancellor failed to deliver a substantial boost to the economy or Con-servative popularity. At 3pm the pound stood at \$1.7237 against the dollar. By the official close an hour later, while the Chancellor was still on his feet, it had fallen to \$1.7187 and failed to recover. Against the mark it fell by a quarter of a pfennig in the same hour, to close at DM2.8697. The trade weighted index started and closed at 90.1, having

touched 90.2 at midday. Paul Chertkow, chief currency strategist at Citicorp, said: "This was not a Budget to buy pounds. It was neutral for the market and less than

There is virtually no chance for lower interest rates before the election now. When we reflect we will realise that the recession has had a greater impact on government 'funding than anyone imagined and has limited any

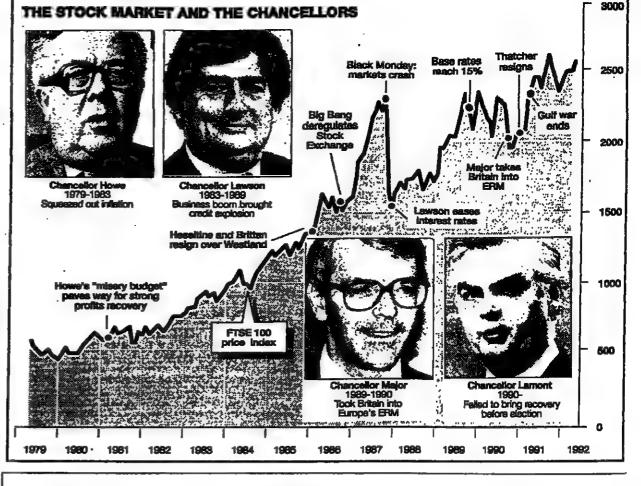
Dealers in the equity mar-ket described the Chancellor's proposals as politically astute but were worned that they were not enough to stimulate the economy. Many felt that by doubling the PSBR he may have squandered the opportunity to play his ace card and reduce interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index closed 24.1 up at 2,574.8 in thin trading. But dealers fear a setback for share prices when trading

Brian Tarrel, head of market-making at BZW, was un-impressed by the Chancellor's provided a tremendous boost to industry. The City is now closely watching the reaction of the pound." After the strong gains in the index during the past couple of days, BZW is looking for an initial markdown of between ten and twenty points. "But the market may well recover all of those leaves have in the day." those losses later in the day", Mr Tarrel said.

His views were echoed by Bob Semple, equity market strategist at County NatWest WoodMac, the broker...

"The Chancellor got off on the wrong foot with his open-ing gambit of doubting the PSBR target to £28 billion. He has reduced his chances of a cut in interest rates".

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#### Allied's **Carlsberg** venture referred

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ALLIED-LYONS, drinks, food and retailing group, has received its second setback from the Office of Fair Trading in six weeks to its attempts to restructure the pubs and brewing interests. Peter Lilley, the trade secre-

tary, has referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the proposed £510 million joint venture between Allied and Carisberg, the Danish brewer agreed in October and builed by the partners as "probably the best merger in the world".

director general of fair trading, has taken a different view, and his advice has been followed by Mr Lilley. The news came as a shock to Allied, whose shares immediately dropped 12p to 638p before rallying to 642p.

The commission is re quired to report on the link. which foresaw a 50/50 joint venture for Allied's and Carlsberg's brewing interests controlling 16 to 17 per cent of the British beer market, by

Malcolm Wright, corporate and finance director of the Allied Breweries offshoot, said the group was "naturally disappointed" at the reference but remained committed to the merger and was confident it would go ahead in due course.

Mr Lilley has ruled that the venture "raises competition issues in the UK market for beer which deserve investiga-

Allied was upset at the end of January when the OFT threw into disarray a deal to dispose of 734 pubs to Brent Walker, the troubled leisure

group.
The deal also required Brent Walker to take a large proportion of its beer from Allied's breweries. It was for-mally cleared by Mr Lilley on advice from the OFT, but Sir Gordon insisted that the pubs disposal, on a leasing basis, was not a sale and the houses would still be counted as part

#### Restructuring costs push Saatchi to £62m losses BY MARTIN WALLER

chief executive, said that all

SAATCHI & Saatchi, the recession-battered advertising combine, has put in place a profits-related incentives scheme aimed at locking in 300 senior staff in advance of any upturn in the industry.

announced a £62.3 million loss for 1991 attributable to shareholders after a raft of provisions reflecting redundancies, falling property values and subsidiary closures. The loss would have been far higher but for last year's. recapitalisation and the accompanying redemption of the group's euro-preference shares - on terms that drew criticism from their holders which threw up a £118 million below-the-line surplus.

There is again no dividend. Pre-tax losses for the year to end-December were £58.4 million. The group has changed its financial year end from end-September for the 15 months to end-December losses before tax were £63.6 million, against profits of £35.6 million in the year to end-September 1990. Robert Louis-Dreyfus, the the necessary provisions and redundancies to restructure the group were now in place. He expects 1992 profits to be relatively clean and to reflect more accurately actual performance. City estimates are for pre-tax profits between

£17 million and £20 million. He said the first half of 1991 had been dominated by the recapitalisation and the second half by improvements to the structure and costs. "The process has been made more difficult by poor trading conditions in many of the largest advertising markets of the world," he added. But since November there had been some signs of an upturn. The group has operated

above budget since November. "Whilst we are not buding margins and profitab-ility," M Louis-Dreyfus said. The management incentive programme will be based on individual budget targets set

geting for any increase in revenues, there are grounds for hoping that 1992 will mark the start of a sustainable improvement in operat-

even keel, including £113.2 million as the cost of writing off the value of leases for the 100,000 sq ft of vacant office space Saatchi holds.

annually at the various sub-

sidiaries around the group. If

these are exceeded, the cho-

sen executives will receive a

bonus, delayed for three years

to lock them into the business.

cluding Maurice and Charles

Saatchi, the founders, will

have their entitlements

judged against the per-

formance of the group as a whole. The scheme specifical-

ly excludes M Louis-Dreyfus,

recruited to pull Saatchi back

from the brink early in 1990.

The scheme reflects the fear

that as the industry moves out

of recession, executives will be

sions to get Saatchi on an

The figures feature provi-

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Main board directors, in-

Trading profits fell from E40.2 million for 1990 to £20.5 million. Interest costs fell from £27.8 million to £24 million as borrowings fell from a peak of £277 million in 1990 to a maximum of £226 million in the year.

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# Elliott linked to Foster's moves

IN SYDNEY

NERVOUS executives at Foster's Brewing fear an attempted comeback by John Elliott, the former chairman, after the resignation yesterday of Peter Bartels, the chief executive.

Mr Elliott's International Brewing Holdings still owns 37.75 per cent of the brewer, IBH is strapped for cash and would like higher dividend pay-ments. Now, Mr Elliott has found an ally in Asahi, the Japanese brewer and Foster's other main shareholder.

Nobby Clark, Foster's chairman, said its outlook would not change nor would its strategy to become a single-purpose brewer. He said it was "with deep personal regret" that he accepted the resignation of Mr Bartels, who had been with Foster's for 17 years. Mr Bartels is considered likely to take over as chief executive of Coles Myer, a top retailer.

His resignation is being viewed in some quarters as increasing the influence at board level of deputy chairman John Elliott's International Brewing Holdings. The pressure for higher dividends is seen as potentially in conflict



Bartels: conflict over strategy with the long-term management strate-

gy set by Mr Bartels. The market may have already allowed for Mr Bartels departure, which was

flagged last week, with Foster's shares closing down Aus I cent at Aus\$1.91. Ted Kunkel, the executive chairman of Molson Breweries of Canada, a joint venture between Foster's and Molson Co, will replace Mr Bartels. Mr Kunkel,

ly for Carlton & United Breweries, the Foster's Brewing arm. He takes over from today but will stay at Molson until May to "provide continuity in transi-tion", Mr Clark said. "Ted Kunkel is the unanimous choice of the board," he said. "He has been in

the brewing business for 24 years." Mr Kunkel, is considered a no-nonsense Kiwi, with a strong reputation in all aspects of brewing. Before moving to Australia, he worked for New Zealand Brewerles, now Lion Nathan, which these days is a direct rival to Foster's.

He started with CUB in Melbourne and moved to Sydney when Foster's, then Elders IXL took over Tooths. He also launched Foster's into the Sydney market before moving to Canada. He has won much praise for his work

in Canada, overseeing the merger of Carling O'Kerfe, Foster's subsidiary, with the Molson brewing arm, and the subsequent rationalisation.

A former colleague in Melbourne said Mr Kunkel earned the respect of people quickly. Because he had been removed from the recent tension at Foster's, he was "probably a good in-house choice".

# HSBC Holdings plc



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#### Results for 1991

The audited profit for the year ended 31 December 1991 attributable to the shareholders of HSBC Holdings plc was HK\$5,664 million, compared with the profit reported by The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HongkongBank) in 1990 of srx\$3,096 million, an increase of 82.9 per cent. The profit was arrived at after providing for taxation and after transfers to inner reserves by subsidiary undertakings.

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK\$1.31 per Ordinary Share on 26 May 1992 to shareholders who are registered as at the close of business on 1 May 1992. With the interim distribution of HK\$878 million already paid, the total distribution for 1991 will amount to HK\$3,013 million, compared with the HK\$2,518 million distributed by HongkongBank in 1990, an increase of 19.7 per cent. The dividend will be payable in cash with a scrip alternative.

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3,961	Total Group profit	6,770	465	870	
(865)	Profit attributable to minorities	(1,106)	(76)	(142)	
3,096	Profit attributable to shareholders	5,664	389	728	
(2,518)	Dividends	-(3,013)	(207)	(387)	
578	Retained profit for the year	2,651	182	341	
нк\$		HK \$	E	us \$	
1.93 (adjusted)	Earnings per share	3.49	0.24	0.45	
	Dividends per share				
0.52 (adjusted)	Interim	0.54	0.04	9.07	
1.04 (adjusted)	Final (proposed)	1.31	0.09	0.17	
31 December 1990		311	December 1	991	
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1,158,256	Total assets	1,248,796	85,786	160,503	

Real economic activity in the world's industrial nations stagnated in 1991, despite repeated reductions in interest rates. The economies of Hong Kong and the rest of East Asia, however, improved although inflation continued to give cause for concern. Against this background, most of the Group's Asian banking operations reported improved results, particularly in Hong Kong, where both HongkongBank and Hang Seng Bank, its 61.48 per cent owned subsidiary, achieved strong profit growth. HongkongBank reported consolidated profits, after taxation and transfers to inner reserves, of HK\$5,869 million. This profit includes its share of the нк\$2,811.4 million profit reported by Hang Seng Bank.

Marine Midland Bank reported a us\$189.9 million net loss for the year, compared with a net loss of US\$295.6 million in 1990. The reduced loss reflects the improving position of Marine but the prolonged recession in the United States continues to affect the speed of Marine's recovery.

Hongkong Bank of Canada had a satisfactory year in difficult economic conditions and repo income of c\$51.8 million, an increase of 6 per cent over 1990.

HongkongBank of Australia reported a net loss of A\$37.8 million for 1991. This compared favourably with the loss of A\$273.2 million reported in 1990 and reflects the progress which has been made in returning the Group's operations in Australia towards profitability.

In the United Kingdom, HongkongBank reported a satisfactory profit after the loss reported in 1990. The British Bank of the Middle East (BBME) reported a profit of £37.4 million, compared with £31.1 million in 1990. BBME's associate, The Saudi British Bank, achieved increased profits despite the difficult trading conditions in the early part of the year.

Group capital markets activities - merchant banking, broking and funds management - achieved a satisfactory profit in 1991. Strong performances in funds management and merchant banking were balanced by a more modest contribution from broking, except in Asia and New York where market conditions helped provide good results. The Wardley merchant banking results were buoyed by exceptionally good performances in private banking and broking: the Wardley Group reported a profit of HK\$567.1 million. The James Capel Group recovered strongly from 1990 losses and made a profit of £6.1 million. Its market share improved in almost all major markets. Overall, the Group's capital markets activities achieved profits of

CM&M, the Group's primary dealer in US government securities, recorded a significantly increased profit of us\$9.3 million.

Although the specific provision charge for doubtful debts showed a significant reduction in 1991 it nevertheless continued at a high level in a number of areas and, given the uncertain outlook for the world economy, the opportunity has been taken to increase general provisions in most subsidiaries.

During the year, no Ordinary Shares in HSBC Holdings were purchased, sold or redeemed by HSBC Holdings or any of its subsidiary companies.

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Shareholders' funds

The outlook for 1992 is uncertain, particularly in the major industrialised economies. Any recovery in the USA, Canada and the UK is likely to be largely offset by falling economic growth in Japan and Germany. In Hong Kong, however, the economy is expected to maintain its momentum, supported by continued growth in South China; and East Asia as a whole is expected to grow faster than the rest of the world. Against this background, your Directors expect, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, to recommend dividends for 1992 of not less than нк\$2.00 per Ordinary Share, an 8.1 per cent increase over the dividends for 1991.

Closing of the Register of Shareholders in Hong Kong

The Overseas Branch Register of Shareholders in Hong Kong will be closed from 4 May to 8 May 1992 (both dates inclusive). Any person who has acquired shares but who has not lodged the share transfer with the Registrars should do so before 4.00 p.m. on 1 May 1992 in order to receive the dividend.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Level 18, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26 May 1992 at 3.00 p.m.

By Order of the Board R G Barber Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 March 1992

The information in this announcement does not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 1991, which contain an unqualified auditors' report and which do not contain a statement under section 237(2) or (3) of the Act, will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales in accordance with section 242 of the Act.

Diamond group expects sales upturn

# De Beers' earnings decline by a fifth

By COLIN CAMPBELL MINING CORRESPONDENT

DE BEERS diamond group, which embraces in one traded unit the group's interests in and outside South Africa, suffered a 19.7 per cent fall in net attributable earnings in 1991. The year's dividend payment, however, goes up. Attributable profits eased from \$950 million to \$763 million in the year to December. Profits, including those of associated companies. were \$1.08 billion against \$1.32 billion. The total dividend paid on De Beers' linked units, however, rises marginally from 111.3 cents to 112.1 cents.

Julian Ogilvic Thompson, the chairman, declined to comment specifically on diamond sales conducted so far this year by the Central Sell-ing Organisation marketing company. However, he said he looked forward to an upturn in world economic activity in 1992; which would lead to increased diamond

The CSO last raised rough diamond prices in March, 1990 and Mr Ogilvie Thompson said market con-ditions did not suggest a price increase was "likely at the

moment". CSO rough diamond sales in 1991 fell from \$4.17 billion to \$3.93 billion. De Beers' results show that the margin on the diamond account slipped from 21.86 per cent to 20.44 per cent last

The group earned \$212 million from investments outside the diamond industry. against \$227 million. Dia mond stocks stood at \$3.03 billion at the year-end - an increase of \$350 million over 1990 levels.

The loan and marketing

**BM Group** 

rises

to £17.3 m

equipment maker, raised pre-tax profits from £13.5 million

to £17.3 million in the half-

The interim dividend rose

.3p. Shareholders took up

from 1.6p a share to 2.1p.

and earnings to 13.3p from

96 per cent of a £60 million

cash call to fund the £42

million acquisition of Thom-

Wates falls

Wates City of London, the

property group, is holding the final dividend at 2.96p, mak-

ing 3.73p. The payout is held

despite a fall in pre-tax profits from £30.5 million to £8.2

million and in net assets per share from 220p to 151p.

Wyevale ahead

Wyevale Garden Centres, the USM group, raised pre-tax profits 36 per cent to £2.86

million in 1991. Turnover

year to end-December.

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Looking for an upturn: Julian Ogilvie Thompson

arrangements with the Russian Federation were still in place, though De Beers was not undertaking exploration activity in Russia, the group said. Exploration activity in North America continues, though no significant discoveries have been reported. Production from Namibian mines rose in 1991, and mining for diamonds from coastal waters off southern Africa continues. The group was increasing efforts to contain theft at its operations, the

De Beers has not yet sold the polished 272 carat dis-

chairman said.

mond that was cut out of an original 599 carat find and is known as Centenary diamond. Analysts suggest the stone, which is the largest flawless diamond in the world, outside the Crown jewels, is worth a conservative \$100 million. Asked when Centenary might be sold. Mr Ogilvie Thompson said he was in no hurry.

De Beers derives widespread publicity from the Centenary diamond and, in any case, Mr Ogilvie Thompson said, "as the song goes... We have grown accustomed to its face".

#### Strong ends its dividend famine

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

STRONG & Fisher, the leather group rescued by Hills-down Holdings last year, is making a recovery after its capital reconstruction, which left Hillsdown with 70.3 per cent of the group. S&F is paying its first dividend since December 1989.

S&F made pre-tax profits of £9.9 million in the year to end-December 1991. The group is reporting for an 18month period to end-December 1991, compared with 12 months to end-June 1991. In that period, pre-tax profits were E2.43 million compared with a loss of £17.5 million.

Turnover was £114 million (£83.7 million) and there was a £4.55 million exceptional charge for the writedown of stocks, compared with an exceptional charge of £9.14 million. Earnings per share were 0.54p, against a loss of 100.6p per share, and the 1p dividend for the year compares with the 2p interim

declared in December 1989. There was an extraordinary charge of £1.49 million made up of the profit on the disposal of S&F's holding in Pittard Garnar, the rival leather group, minus the costs of the transformation of capital ownership, management and operations of the group. In the previous period, the extraordinary charge was £16.7 million.

Michael Buswell, the new chairman of the group and a director of Hillsdown, said the group intended to add a third leg to the business to reduce its dependence on

ciothing leather. A change in the support payment to farmers on sheep meat at the beginning of the current year has affected S&F's ability to procure adequate quantities of sheepskins at a realistic price and the group is concerned at the effect of this on profits for the current half-year.

#### **DTI looks** into deals at printers

BY MARTIN BARROW

TRADE department inspectors investigating share dealings in Wace, the pre-press services company at the centre of insider trading allegations, have been asked to submit reports on share deals in two other companie in the printing sector under Section 442 of the Companies Act 1985

Anthony Robertshaw and Christopher Mayhew have been appointed inspectors to investigate deals in European Colour, a South London chemical colour maker, and Tinsley Robor, a specialist

printer and packager. They have been asked to examine acquisitions by third parties of shares in each company that might have been a preliminary to a possible takeover or merger. The inspectors will not investigate the affairs of either company.

#### in receivership BY MATTHEW BOND RANDSWORTH Acquisi-BM Group, the construction Randsworth had risen meteorically in a booming London

Randsworth placed

tion, the American-backed company that took over Randsworth Trust, the London property group, in 1989, has been placed in administrative receivership. Citibank, its principal banker, called in KPMG Peat Marwick after months of negotiations failed to produce agreement on how the company's £185 million of debt could be refinanced.

as Robinson, an engineer. BM is making a manda-tory bid for British Building Randsworth Trust was originally taken over by JMB and Engineering Appliances after raising its stake from 25.9 per cent to 83.7 per cent. BM is offering 355p cash, valuing BB&EA at 64.3 mil-Realty of Chicago, but the £258 million deal was syndicated. The shareholder regislion, but is advising minority JMB for the purposes of the holders to reject the offer.

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ter of Randsworth Acquisition, the company created by takeover, expanded to include 16 American institutions and ABP, a Dutch pension fund. JMB's role was reduced to that of syndicate agent and 15 per cent shareholder. property market. Guided by David Holland and Andrew Nicols, the company had taken over London & Provincial Shop and Apex Properties, and bought portfolios from Mountleigh, British Land and the Fisons and Imperial Group pension funds. However, the property market fell virtually from the

day the American syndicate completed the deal. That prompted the raising of a further £60 million of equity in 1990. It has been difficult to sell property to reduce gearing and difficult to let completed developments. Citibank has indicated it is

prepared to manage the property portfolio, but it must also be giving serious thought to selling its equity interest in

#### the company. Plaxton loses profit power

BY MARTIN BARROW

PLAXTON Group, a motor distributor and coach builder, made losses of £6.8 million before tax in 1991. There was a 40 per cent fall in sales volume in the coach and bus division. The previous year. the company carned pre-tax

rose 24.7 per cent to £22.8 million. Earnings per share rose 2.3 per cent to 8.8p and the final dividend is 1.24p. making 3.72p for the year. Losses cut Conrad Continental, the leisurewear maker, cut pre-

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December. Again there is no dividend.

tax losses from E680,00 to

Rights fails Only 27.5 per cent of the £10.7 million Bromsgrove Industries rights issue was taken by shareholders at 105p a share.

BHP successor Brian Loton, BHP deputy chairman, becomes chair-

man on June 1.

profits of £4.2 million. Losses included an exceptional charge of £2.86 million against reorganisation costs, compared with an exceptional credit of £2.82 million in the previous 12 months. An



Hard road: Michael Doherty (left) and Robert Wood

million to cover the cost of closing Carrosserie Lorraine, a coach-building business in France, has left the group with total losses of £8.4 million, against a £3.46 million surplus last time.

Despite losses of 16.7p a share (earnings of 9.1p), the company is increasing the final dividend from 1.5p a share to 2p, although the total payout is reduced from 4.5p to 3p.

The company, with Robert Wood, chief executive, at the helm, plans to change its name to Henlys Group, to reflect the growing emphasis on motor distribution. That now accounts for 70 per cent of turnover.

Michael Doherty, appointed chairman after the resignation of David Manhews in November, was chairman of Henlys before its acquisition by Plaxton in 1989. He said year-end borrowings were broadly unchanged at £31 million, despite inclusion of £7 million of debt from associated companies.

TRUBER VALUE

LOGICA (int) Pre-tax: \$2.16m (\$4.67m) EPS: 2.1p (4.4p) Div: 1.15p (1.15p) CASTLE COMMS (Int) Pre-buc £853,000 EPS: 7.4p (7.1p)

Div: 4p (4p) PACER SYSTEMS (Fin) Pre-tax: Loss \$1.14m LPS: 13c (8c) Div: 3.5c, mkg 6.5c

North America and Asia Pacific improved, despite difficult trading conditions in continental Europe. Last time's profit was £759,000. Turnover fell to £15.6m (£19.4m). Recession is expected to affect second half audio and video sales. Last time's profit was \$1.56m. Last time's total dividend was 6.5c. Group revenue declined to

CLONDALKIN GROUP Pre-tax: £13.6m (£11.9m). EPS: 25.08p (22.64p) Div: 2.683p, mkg 4.381p AMERICAN TRUST (Fin) Pre-tax: £5.78m (£5.63m) EPS: 4.77p (4.51p) Div: 3.3p, mkg 4.8p UNIGROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £304,000

Irish currency. Last time's total dividend was 4.056p. There was an extraordinary debit of 21.65m. Last time's total dividend was 4.7p. The net asset value rose to 210.3p (161.6p). Investment income edged to 25.8m (£5.46m). Last time's profit was £708,000. building products dived 64%. Clothing losses nearly trebled.

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# Impaled on Wakeham's fork

fter a damning report from the Commons energy select committee, it is even clearer that the privatisation of electricity has been one of the government's most comprehensive failures. The last doubts were blown away when John Wakeham, the energy secretary, conceded that the plan for greater competition in supply and generation was working imperfectly and that he would look closely at the committee's detailed criticisms. His indication that the government would consider restricting or even blocking plans for environmentally friendly gas-fired power stations was a sign of much back-tracking. The gas-fired stations, which could be efficient without being huge, were originally crucial to bringing new competition into the generation business. Existing generators also leapt into gas generation as a way of meeting environmental targets without spending money on their coal stations.

Mr Wakeham is now impaled uncomfortably on his own fork. Proliferation of gas-fired stations would devastate the coal industry, which his government has been grooming for privatisation. Interference in the gas projects of independents, to leave greater scope for domestic deep-mined coal, could be accomplished only at the expense of competition for PowerGen and National Power.

A compromise is needed fast. The tone of Mr Wakeham's pro-coal responses to the committee findings shows how far he has travelled from the simplistic pre-privatisation visions of his predecessor. Cecil Parkinson had painted a picture in which competition from independent gas generators put pressure on British Coal for cheaper, more efficient production. PowerGen and National Power, by importing cheap foreign coal for part of their needs, were to be agents of market forces that would shape a streamlined coal industry, eventually ready for privatisation after securing economic long-term contracts with generators, The final prize would be lower real electricity prices.

The fatal flaw in this was to regard the privatisation of electricity as an exercise that could be tackled separately from the denationalisation of coal. Free market forces, if allowed to operate, would lead to a proliferation of gas-fired stations built by both generators and independents in collaboration with regional electricity distributors, and the extensive importation of cheap foreign coal. Due to some oddities in the way that the distributors are regulated, this might not produce significantly cheaper electricity. It would, however, cause mass closure of domestic coal mines, with gas contracts working even to oust cheaper coal-fuelled electricity.

If Mr Wakeham can work out a compromise, it is bound to involve more regulation, especially on closures of existing plant and the building of new capacity, and renewed interference in the coal sourcing arrangements of private sector companies.

# NatWest puzzle

ord Alexander, NatWest's chairman, has taken a bold step in asking the DTI to Arrow affair in the hope of clearing the name of Tom Frost, the chief executive and last remaining executive director from those heady days of 1987. For the DTI to accede would be a waste of public money. The 1989 report was not wholly fair or complete but had the virtue of getting to the heart of the matter fast. In any other business, Nat-West's poor trading results might have caused the early departure of its chief executive. This cannot happen, it seems, because it might look as though NatWest was still catching up with the Blue Arrow episode. This is rather a circular argument.

All for one.

one for all

ALL great business deals, it is

said, are put together on the golf course — usually at the expense of the game isself. Not when one of the players is

Dorian Wharton-Hood, vice-

chairman of Liberty Life, the

South African insurance

group, and a former Spring-bok golfer. Wharton-Hood, aged 53, who came to

London in October to pro-mote Liberty's £82 million

share issue, was playing in a friendly game in Cape Town ten days ago when he hit a hole in one. "It is only the

second hole-in-one I have

hit," says Wharton-Hood,

who played for South Africa

in 1964 and ran the local

operations of Prudential be-

fore they were sold to Liberty

, in 1986. "It bounced twice

and went straight in. I ended

up buying drinks for the

whole golf club." As an insur-

ance man, he should have

known better. For a small fee,

golfers can take out insurance

cover to guard against this

' THE Geneva Motor Show.

one of the busiest events on

the annual motoring calen-

dar, has not been without its

surprises. Take the lavish

annual dinner hosted by

Ford, which has been looking

a little off-colour of late, what

with plunging sales and losses of £590 million in

Britain in 1991 between Ford

and Jaguar. Guests were ea-

ger to see whether Lindsey

Halstead, tough-talking chairman of Ford Europe,

would have anything to say

about future prospects. They were out of luck. Eager to

Unlucky break

# Travel firms ready to fight on the beaches for market share

Derek Harris looks at package holidays

a year after the

collapse of the International

Leisure Group

he package holiday industry, with sales of £4 billion a year, is thriving while many other sectors are savaged by the recession. Britons, beset with a stagnant housing mar-ket, are not inclined to buy goods for the home, in spite of earnings being ahead of inflation and the fall in mortgage interest payments. Instead, they are taking a "to hell with it all" attitude and planning a couple of weeks in the sun. This, at least, is the theory

presented by tour operators as they bask in summer 1992 foreign package bookings ahead of 1990. Last summer, in the wake of the Gulf war. ended 7 per cent down. Pre-election uncertainties

trimmed bookings last month, but once the election is over a surge of bookings should emerge. This has been the pattern after previous general elections, Winter package holidays, helped by good snow on the

Continent, are 20 per cent up this year, the Association of British Travel Agents says. The full year is expected to yield a 10 per cent increase in package holidays abroad. Last year, there were just over 10.5 million bookings against 11.4 million in 1990, yet profits were at a record.

This followed the collapse, a year ago, of Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group (ILG) — including Intasun package holidays and the Air Europe airline. The company's failure cleared excess capacity in the industry and brought healthy profits to most tour operators, as pricing battles receded and margins fattened.

Thomson Holidays, part of the Canadian Fhomson group, is the heavyweight in the British market, with about a third share. Owners Abroad, which includes Sovereign. Enterprise and Sun-Med, is number two, with 18 per cent. Airtours, based in Lancashire, has about 14 per cent of the market.

Airtours was the speciacular stock market performer last year, seeing more than a 400 per cent increase in its share price as profits quadrupled. Owners Abroad, from a higher base, also saw a substantial share price climb as profits doubled. Some anaysts see room for the share prices to rise further, but elsewhere there are doubts. This

overtures from a large Japa-nese manufacturer but the

arrival, off Tynemouth, of

Freddie the bottle-nosed dol-

phin who appears to have taken up residence in the

area. Freddie recently left the

port of Amble on the Northumberland coast after a five-

year sojourn during which he

brought a flood of tourist revenue into the town. North

Shields is pulling out all the

stops to make him stay. The local chamber of trade and

commerce has made him an

AN idea for the English Tourist Board? According to

Executive Travel magazine,

the Flemish National Tourist

Board publishes an hotel guide in which the "N"

category indicates "the possi-

bility of spending the night without the slightest guaran-

RANGER Oil is sending out

invitations to the inaugura-

tion of its Anglia Field next

week. The venue? A confer-

ence centre in London. So

much for that trip to the North Sea...

Bleak Winter

HOPEFUL politicians will

do anything for publicity. Hence the antics of Martin

Winter, a senior venture capi-

tal partner at Biddle & Co. the

City law firm, and prospective

Conservative parliamentary

candidate for the marginal

seat of Tooting, south

London. He has been seen

hobbling around on crutches...

Winter, an accomplished-

waterskier, was attempting a

waterski jump at Thorpe

Park, Surrey, when he landed

badly and broke his ankle.
This has to be regarded as a

tee of comfort".

honorary life member.

Starless nights

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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escape the mobs of motoring correspondents, Halstead, aged 62, had taken to the

slopes on Monday - only to

fall and break his collarbone,

hence missing the chance to

make an important policy

speech at the dinner. Looks

like Ford's luck has yet to

EASTERN Europeans are, it

seems, still experiencing some difficulty in their at-

tempts to match western Eu-

ropean standards of service. A businessman who booked

into a hotel in Prague last

week says the night porter

carried his luggage up to his room, closely scrutinising the

suitcase for a name. The next

day, when the bill was pre-

sented to him at the reception

desk, it was marked for the attention of "Mr Real

THE citizens of North

Shields, on the north bank of

the Tyne east of Newcastle,

believe they are on the crest of

a boom. The reason for their

euphoria is neither a new

round of government aid nor

Offshore boom

Wrong handle



Away from it all: travel operators are hoping holiday bookings will hold up this year

is largely because of fears of a price war among the package holidays tour operators.

That could mean a return to wafer-thin profit margins, as when ILG and Thomson stugged it out and some hollday prices dropped to £85 for a week in Spain. Such warfare brought down operators like Horizon, now part of Thomson, and Redwing, linked to British Airways and then sold to Owners Abroad.

Memories of those times were stirred when Airtours brought out its summer 1992 brochures with keen prices. Owners Abroad subsequently made aggressively tagged of-fers. Adding to the siren songs on price, Thomson brought in a "price breakers" offer that cut about 650 off a range of holidays.

Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson tour operations, was sending a shot across the bows of Thumson's two nearest rivals. He is determined to maintain marour share to go below a third. So long as any competitor stays below the 20 per cent we shall feel comfortable with that," he said.

Owners Abroad and Airtours have been the main beneficiaries of the demise of ILG, possibly picking up as much as half ILG's carryings of about 1.6 million holidays between them. Pre-ILG, Airtours had about 8 per cent of the market, so it is close to

setback to my plans to qualify

for the jump event in this year's jump championship,"

says Winter, who was sixth at

slalom in the over 35 age

group at the British champi-

A GROUP of engineering

analysis had an unusual

briefing on Monday, when

they turned up for the results

of Fairey. Just as Derek Kingsbury, the chairman,

was about to speak, the base-

ment they were in was plunged into darkness. Fast-thinking by the PR adviser saved the day. A team was

despatched to a nearby

branch of Blacks Leisure to

stock up on camping gas

GRAFFITO on a boarded-up

window in Swiss Cottage, London: "A lawyer is some-

one willing to spend every penny you have to prove he's

MORE activity at Broadgate, where Lehman Brothers In-

ternational has coaxed Chris-

topher Deuters away from

Citicorp to head its foreign

exchange team. Deuters, aged 43, ran Citicorp's Euro-

pean foreign exchange desk

and had been with the bank since 1970 — with the excep-tion of a brief spell with

Deutsche Bank in the early

Eighties. He had an early

taste of forex as a teller with

Thomas Cook. Deuters joins

at about the same time as

Dan Tyree, who is deserting

Salomon Brothers in New

York to run Lehman's UK

JON ASHWORTH

operations.

Forex foray

onships last summer.

Fairey lights

doubling its market penetraing of the ILG withdrawal work on margins companies tion. With its offerings more last year meant there was

at the budget end of the market. Airtours has probably gained most in volume from ILG's disappearance. Owners Abroad has put on possibly 5 per cent, an element being its Redwing acquisition. r Newbold be-

lieves the emphasis on price arises from the battle between Owners Abroad and Airtours for second place. He said: "They can take what they like from each other." He thinks there is some room for their seizing share from smaller operators, but not

One analyst said: "This year there could be market growth of more than 10 per cent. With that and the good

like Owners Abroad and Airinsufficient time for others in tours are putting through, profits should be higher this the market to over-compensate. The result was that supyear than last."

Not everybody in the industry is as sanguine as that. Mr Newbold does not see last year's record profits — "donated by Mr Goodman" being repeated this year.

Up to Christmas, bookings for summer 1992, according to Thomson, were about 13 per cent up on 1990, which is a better comparison than the Gulf war year. January was strong, with increases approaching 15 per cent. February dropped back to about 1990 levels. However, Thornson has done well because of the price breakers promotion.

of the season." This is in spite of signs of some operators reducing Beyond the election, Mr Newbold has a special anxitheir volumes by taking a ety. He believes that the timproportion of holidays off the

ply and demand were in

balance. That meant no late

discounting to clear the

shelves and the consequent

erosion of profit margins.

Mr Newbold said: "This

summer it could be different.

My concern is that there

could be more holidays on

sale than there will be people

wanting to buy them. There

are probably half a million

too many holidays on sale at

might need to be significant

discounting towards the end

market. Mr Newbold added: "It is very difficult to see how profits can be as strong this year as last."

Meanwhile, both Airtours and Owners Abroad have been maintaining that their priority is to maximise return to shareholders. Many have interpreted this as meaning neither company wants a price war blood bath.

Some wild cards, however. have been added to the pack. Former Goodman lieutenants have been making inroads with newly-launched tour operations. Among them is Peter Long, former chief executive of the ILG tour operations, who launched Spanish GVI leisure group. After last summer's programme of 250,000 holidays, it is looking to 350,000 this

Riva, headed by Jackie Kernaghan, director of ILG's Global and Lancaster operations. She said: "I didn't want to do an ILG lookalike. Now we are shooting for 100,000 this summer, which is a high figure for first season carryings."

The main Riva programme is more up-market; there is a budget family-oriented brand plus a seat-sales-only operation. By the end of January, 25,000 holidays had been sold. Sunworld and Riva could between them account for about 4 per cent of the market this summer, which would be approaching the size of the veteran Cosmos, which has gained market share post-ILG.

As recession evaporates only slowly, a vital question is whether most growth will come at the discounting end

of the business. If that happened, pricing battles would intensify. Some in the industry are also concerned about the possibility of a hung parliament and jitters over a possible autumn elec-tion unsettling the market at high season. Would the punters still say "to hell with it"

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Level 18, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday 26 May 1992 at 3.00 p.m. to transact the following ordinary business:

- 1 to receive and consider the Annual Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31 December 1991 and to declare a final dividend:
- 2 to re-elect Directors
- 3 to fix the remuneration of Directors:
- and by way of special business to consider and (if thought fit) pass the following recolutions which will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions:
- THAT KPMG Peat Marwick (Chartered Accountmis) be and are hereby appointed Auditors of the Company from the conclusion of this Meeting until the conclusion of the next General Meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid, at remuneration to be fixed
- by the Directors.'

  THAT the Directors be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to and for the purposes of section 80 of the Companies Art 1985 ("the Act") to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot relevant securities (within the meaning of that section) up to an aggregate nominal amount of HK\$3.698,512,180 provided that this authority shall be limited so that, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a rights issue where relevant securities are offered to shareholders on a fixed record date in proportion to their then boldings of shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong or otherwise howsoever), or (ii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangements implemented in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, the nominal amount of the relevant securities to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to this authority shall not in aggregate exceed in \$815,074,391 (equal to 5 per cent of the nominal amount of the issued Ordinary share capital of the Company as at the date of this Meeting) and such authority shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 1993 save that this authority shall allow the Company before the expiry of this authority to make offers or agreements which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after such expiry and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such offers or agreements as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

and the following resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

6 "THAT, subject to the passing of Resolution No.5 set out in the Notice convening this Meeting, the Directors be and they are hereby empowered, pursuant to section 95 of the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act"), to allot equity securities (as defined in section 94 of the Act) pursuant to the authority conferred by the aforesaid Resolution No.5 as if section 89 (1) of the Act did not apply to any such allotment, provided that this power shall expire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 1993 save that this power shall enable the Company prior to the expiry of this power to make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after the expiry of this power and the Directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offers or agreements as if the power conferred hereby had not expired."

By Order of the Board R G Barber Secretary

Hong Kong, 10 March 1992

(1) A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member. Completion and return of an instrument appointing a proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the Meeting. (2) In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of anomey or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a copy of such

authority certified notarially or in some other way approved by the Board, must be deposited at the offices of the Registrars, National Westminster Bank, PLC, Registrar's Department, PO Box & Caxton House, Redeliffe Way, Bristol BS99 TNH, United Kingdom, or at the offices of the Registrars in Hong Kong, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited, Hopewell Centre, 19th Floor, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time of the holding of the Meeting (or any adjourned meeting).

(3) In the case of joint registered holders of any share, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. For this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names of the holders stand in the Principal Register or the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register as appropriate.

(4) Consequent upon the commencement of Pan II of the Companies Act 1989 the auditors of the Company to be appointed at this Meeting are required to be a member of a recognised supervisory body in the United Kingdom. Accordingly, KPMG Peat Marwick (Certified Public Accountants) retire as Auditors at this Meeting and do not seek reappointment. KPMG Peat Marwick (Chanered Accountants), which is an associated firm of the retiring Auditors and which is also resident in Hong Kong, has been authorised by the Institute of Chantered Accountants in England and Wales as a Registered Auditor and is accordingly eligible for appointment. Special Notice to propose Resolution No.4 has been received.

(5) The general purpose of the authority to be conferred on the Directors by Resolutions Nos. 5 and 6 above is to enable the Directors to issue shares up to a specified number without having first to obtain the consent of shareholders in general meeting. The need for such an issue of shares could, for example, arise in the comeax of a transaction (such as the acquisition of a company) which had to be completed speedily. The granting of such an authority is now commonplace and the Directors take the view that it would be in the interests of the Company if the authority were granted to them. The Directors have undertaken that no capital will be issued which would effectively change the control of the Company or the nature of its business without the prior approval of shareholders in general meeting. They have at this time no plans to issue additional shares under this authority other than in accordance

with the scrip dividend scheme. (6) None of the Directors proposed for re-election at the Meeting has a service contract with the Company or a subsidiary undertaking which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation.

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# Glynwed builds on a year of cutbacks

advertise a sparkling set of figures would plan to announce on Budget Day. At first glance, the 1991 results from Glynwed International, the industrial group, look. just the kind that a chairman would be happy to see buried beneath acres of analysis of the Chancellor's proposals. Profits before tax slumped from £70.3 million to £25.5 million and the dividend. though held at the previous year's level of 11.65p, is uncovered

Behind the nasty headline statistics, however, is a company genuinely on the turn. Over the past year, between £15 million and £20 million of annual costs have been taken out of the business, and most of the loss-making operations in the group have been sold or turned round.

The biggest cash drain, Wednesbury/Continental Tube in the UK, which lost £10.8 million last year, should be breaking even by the year end after a rationalisation resulting in one of the company's two sites being shut down. The subsidiary has been devastated by a 30 per cent decline in demand for copper tube over the past three years to the lowest

Although the company is not counting on any eco-nomic recovery during 1992. there are some signs of pickup to be found. The order book for Aga-Rayburn, for example, is way ahead of last year and the plastics division continues to benefit from infrastructure spending by

The combined effects of lower interest rates for the company's £83 million of debt, the cost savings already achieved, and the elimination of losses will add about £20 million to profits in the CHITTERN YEAR.

If the underlying economy picks up, the company could expect to far exceed that. But the recovery hopes are in the price and the expected 1993 results put the shares on a less than generous multiple of about 13 times. Given that the company is unlikely to be able to raise the dividend significantly before 1994, the shares are likely to stay becalmed in the short term after last year's sharp rise.

#### Wates

IF THERE is anything worse than being an owner of City of London office blocks at the moment, it is to be a builder of them. Wates City of London has the misfortune to be both.

Right now, it is an appalling combination. The company's portfolio of completed investment properties lell 18 per cent in 1991, but that pales into insignificance



Advance planning: Roger Shute, of BM Group

when compared with the 44 per cent average drop in the value of buildings yet to be completed. Tenants are scarce and

rents falling, and some of the group's developments have lost half their value. The result is a 40 per cent fall in net assets per share

from 250p to 151p, below all except the most pessimistic forecasts. Thank goodness virtually all the developments — including Vintners Place and City Place House

— are now held in joint ventures, which at least enables the pain to be shared. Sale of properties into

1990 profits £22 million to £30.5 million. With those now out of the reckoning. 1991 saw the revenue account return more or less to normal, pre-tax profits were £8.2 million on modestly improved net rents of £16.5

The group's total interestbill was down from £11.1 million to £6.3 million, with £2.4 million capitalised through the balance sheet.

Falling property values have savaged that balance sheet and the group's net borrowings of £91.2 million mean that gearing is now 50 per cent — higher still if £39.3 million of joint venture

debt is included.

Gearing will magnify the impact of any further falls in value, making another reduction in net asset value look certain this year. No rush to

#### BM Group

BM GROUP has been given the benefit of the doubt since the £41 million takeover of debt-laden Thomas Robinson last month. The group's shares, which gained another 3p yesterday, have risen to 405p, against a rights issue price of 330p.

An 18 per cent increase in earnings to 13.3p a share at the interim stage — with no impact from the Robinson

case no harm, but the market will want news of disposals of some of the former Robinson businesses before being convinced that dilution can be

avoided by the year end. Many of the economies of scale and cost savings arising from the takeover of Blackwood Hodge, an earlier acquisition, have yet to become evident, a factor that should ensure the momentum is at least maintained in the second half.

Roger Shute, chairman earned plaudits for the swift incorporation of Blackwood last year. The Robinson acquisition was planned well in advance and BM is confident that it has the correct strategy to turn the business

The acquisition of controlling stake in British Building and Engineering Appliances offers some cines. The plan is to place BM's building-related businesses in BB&EA, which would retain its separate listing.

For BB&EA, which re-

ported losses of £397,000 at the interim stage, the plan offers a new lease of life but minority shareholders may feel inclined to accept BM's 335p a share instead of following Mr Shute's advice to reject the offer.

BM, meanwhile, looks fairly rated on a prospective p/e of 11.5.

early faller, losing 10p to

372p on fears about the im-

pact on sales of its asthma

drugs of claims that scientists

have discovered the gene be-lieved to be responsible for the

illness. Analysts say it will

take years of work before the

new treatment comes to fru-

Glazzo, which is also a big

supplier of asthma drugs, was

7p firmer at 787p. Shares in Medeva, the

pharmaceuticals group.

firmed another 3p to 285p.

The group has won the sole

marketing rights to Britain's

first oral typhoid vaccine.

A maintained dividend and

optimism about prospects for this year lifted Glynwed, the engineer, 15p to 240p. This

was in spite of a drop in full-

year pre-tax profits from

MICHAEL CLARK

£70.3 million to £25.5

ition, if it ever does.

# Capel profit lifts Hongkong and Shanghai Bank

By NEIL BENNETT AND LULU YU

A RETURN to profits in the UK has helped the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to boost its 1991 figures by 83 per cent. James Capel, the British stockbroking subsidiary, bounced back into the black at £6.1 million, from a £30.3 million deficit. In January last year, HSBC appointed Bernard Asher to head the firm and he has succeeded in cutting costs, selling or closing peripheral operations. such as Capel's Gold Fund and gilts market-making.

and boosting market share. The British banking operations also made a "satisfactory profit" after losses in 1990. Bad debt provisions fell during the year as the bank scaled down its corporate lending and expanded its treasury operation. HSBC reported profits of HK\$5.7 billion (£389 million) for 1991 - the upper end of market expectations.

William Purves, the chair-man, announced that HSBC will disclose its secret inner reserves with its 1993 results to comply with European Community law. Only two HSBC subsidiaries remain in the red, and the losses are



Purves: 'encouraging'

shrinking rapidly. Marine Midland, the American offshoot, cut its losses to HK\$1.5 billion, while Hongkong Bank of Australia's deficit narrowed to HK\$219.2 mil-

Mr Purves described the results as "encouraging" after a disappointing 1990 when profits fell 33 per cent to HK\$3.1 billion, the group's first profit decline since 1967. Outlook for this year was uncertain. There is an increased HK\$1.31 final dividend and HSBC expects to recommend dividends of not less than HK\$2 per ordinary share for 1992, an increase of 8.1 per

#### WORLD MARKETS

#### Dow finds strength in firm bond prices

New York - Shares edged abead in morning trading as investors bought to take advantage of the marker's recent weakness. Firm bond

prices added support. The Dow Jones industrial average was 8.05 points ahead at 3,223.17 in midmorning trade. One analyst said: "We're in a mild oversold condition, so it's natural

to get a bounce. The Dow could make the mid-3,200s." Secondary stocks were the quickest advancers yesterday. The Nasdaq composite index rose 3.36 points, or about 0.55 per cent, to 619.18.

Analysis said the recent rebound in bond prices, which has pushed yields slightly lower, has helped growth stocks recover from the sharp corrections of the past month.

mixed after a late programdriven surge pushed the Nikkel index modestly higher but left the Topix index at its lowest close since November 1986. Sentiment remained

shaky, with no incentives to buy and worries of selling before the fiscal year-end. The Nikkei index rose

56.91 points to 20,854.59, with an estimated 200 million shares traded, while the broader Topix index fell 7.64 points to 1,494.79. An expected cut in Japan's key discount rate is unlikely to joit the market out of the doidrums unless the Bank of Japan surprises investors with a hefty one percentage point cut from 4.5 per cent, analysts and brokers said.

☐ Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index closed 70.32 points higher at 4,918.95.

☐ Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 3.02 points to 1.432.67.

☐ Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index rose 7.2 points to 1,605.4.

☐ Frankfort — The Dax index rose 0.29 of a point to 1,750.54.

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# Call for change weakens power generators

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SHARES of the two main power generators blew a fuse as fears started to grow about widespread reorganisation of the industry proposed by an all-party com-

mittee of MPs. National Power fell 5p to 218p and PowerGen 6p to 227p as the committee concluded that the privatisation of the power industry had not brought any benefits to consumers. Its views were backed by Offer, the industry's regulator. The MPs' report argues that steps should be taken to reduce the dominance of the two big players, while adding to the anxiety of City investors over prospects for the

Last week, one leading stockbroker gave warning that margins and profits of the companies would be pressure once their existing contracts with the electricity distributors expired after 1993. The rest of the equity mar-

ket was squeezed higher in thin trading amid growing hopes that the Budget would stimulate the economy and lead the way for a cut in interest rates.

Market-makers tried desperately to maintain level positions until after the Chancellor's speech, but the ap-, pearance of a few bargain hunters succeeded in driving

At 3.30 pm, the FT-SE 100 stood at its best level of the day after a rise of 22.5 points to 2,573.2 on turnover of only 346 million shares. The pros-pect of cheaper money lifted vernment securities an £16

at the longer end. Allied-Lyons touched 631p before rallying to close only ughter at 645t that the proposed merger of British beer market. Allied billity of escaping an increase

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its brewing interests with those of Carisberg had been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The £510 million merger would have given the joint

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said it remained confident that the deal would be implemented.

The rest of the brewers were reasonably firm, hoping to benefit from a cut in the rate

A 4p to 437p.

before recovering to close 11p lower at £10.02 on the latest suggestion that Retrovir, the group's treatment for Aids, faces increased competition from Japan. Fujisawa Pharmaceutical is developing a treatment that has attracted the attention of Cambridge University. However, Jonathan de

in excise duty. Bass rose 13p

to 563p, Boddington 1p to 190p, Grand Metropolitan 11p to 919p, and Whitbread

Wellcome suffered an early

markdown, touching 983p

Pass, at BZW, said: "We haven't seen any data from the Japanese to draw our Wellcome thates have been

under pressure since the Wellcome Trust announced this month that it would sell a holding. Fisone was another

**BASF** and

Hoechst

cut payout

By WOLPGANG MÜNCHAU

#### **Chairman** resigns at MTM

BY MADITIN BARDOW

RICHARD Lines has re-BASF and Hoechst, the signed as executive chairman world's largest chemical comof MTM just 24 hours after panies, have both cut their dividends from DM13 to speciality chemicals DM12 per share, underlin-ing continued difficulties faced by the industry. group issued its second profits warning in a week. Tom Baxter, finance director, will Some analysis had expectalso resign after completion ed even more drastic mea-sures. BASF shares, in particof the audit of the company's

ular, rallied after the company announced better than expected profits for 1991, although the downturn has hit producers of bulk chemicals, such as BASF, especially hard. Its net profits fell DM68 million to DM1.04 billion. Sales were un-changed at DM46.6 billion. Jürgen Strube, manage-ment board chairman of

BASF, has commented on previous occasions that the company's cost base is too high, and that Germany's high environmental standards have proved to be a considerable competitive disadvantage for the industry.
At Hoechst, 1991 net profits fell from DM1.7 bil-

lion to DM1.36 billion, on sales up from DM44.9 bilto DM47.2 billion. Based on sales and net profits. Hoechst has overtaken BASF as the world's largest themical producer. Third largest is Bayer, due to report

1991 results. Donald Mackay, a nonexecutive director of MTM, assumes the role of nonexecutive chairman, pending the appointment of a successor. MTM shares fell from 119p to 107p amid continued uncertainty about the company's trading prospects. A month ago, they were worth 280p. The appoint-ment of a new chairman raises questions about the company's commitment to

pay a final dividend of 3.73p for 1991. Mr Lines, who owns 7 per cent of MTM, came under pressure to resign after Monday's warning that trading profits would be significantly below expectations. This direcily contravened statements made by Mr Lines and Mr Baxter at a meeting on March 2 when analysis heard that although pre-tax profits would be affected by changes to MTM's accounting poli-cies, trading had been

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# Output forecast to increase by 1% this year

Norman Lamont, in his 'Budget for the recovery', said the slowdown in world growth had taken its toll on the UK economy. Gross domestic product (GDP) fell nearly 2.5 per cent last year, but is expected to resume growth this year, helped by rising exports as the world economy recovers

GDP levelled out in the second half of 1991; in the fourth quarter, it was much the same as in the second quarter. But signs of recovery last summer and early autumn were not sustained. GDP fell by nearly 2½ per cent in 1991 as a whole. Nonoil GDP continued to decline through last year, though at a moderating pace. By the fourth quarter it was 34 per cent below its peak in the second quarter of 1990. The failure of the recovery

to take hold in the second half

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of 1991 was part of a pattern of weakening activity in most of the major countries. Similar factors may have been at work in a number of countries, and may have been mutually reinforcing, result-ing in a general deterioration in confidence. In the UK this partly reversed the large improvement in business and consumer confidence seen earlier in the year. Weaker activity in the rest of the world meant that experts were lower than they would otherwise have been. And domestic demand remained subdued. as consumers and businesses sought further improvements in their financial position. Despite signs of a pick-up in retail sales around the middle of the year, the expected recovery in consumers expenditure did not materialise. And although manufacturing investment levelled out, total business investment continued to fail. Domestic demand fell by 4 per cent between the first and second halves, and by 3 per cent in 1991 as a

Within GDP, the output of the service sector continued to fall in the second half of 1991, though at a slower rate. Energy output rose in the third and fourth quarters, as oil output recovered from the effects of safety-related maintenance work which depressed output earlier in the year. However, manufacturing output, after levelling out in mid-year, fell by a further l'a percent in the fourth quarter, and by 5% percent in 1991, as a whole. This is consistent with CBI survey steady improvement in manufacturers' output expectstions until the autumn, but some deterioration since then, once it became clear that the recovery had not become established.

Nevertheless the forces making for recovery are still in place, including the continuing effects of lower interest rates, falling inflation and the automatic fiscal stabilisers. And consumer and business confidence, though lower than in the autumn, remain well above the levels of a year ago. Although growth may be

pace through the year, as consumer spending picks up, recovery in the world econo-

my boosts exports, and destocking comes to an end. GDP is forecast to rise by 1 per cent in 1992, but by nearly 2 per cent in the year to the second half, and by 3 per cent in the year to the first half of 1993. The pace of the recovery is expected to be about the same as that following the previous two recessions. Manufacturing output may rise by only 2 per cent in 1992, but is forecast to rise more rapidly than GDP from mid-1992 onwards.

#### Domestic expenditure

Personal sector: consumers' expenditure flattened off in the second half of 1991, having fallen by 24 per cent in the year to the second quarter. The saving ratio rose sharply through 1990 and. levelled off in 1991 at around 10 per cent, historically high for a period of low inflation Housing investment has also been cut back sharply. The personal sector has therefore moved from substantial financial deficit in 1988 to an estimated surplus of £17½ billion, over 4 per cent of income, in 1991. A number of factors should

help to increase consumer spending. Real personal disposable income, down & per cent in 1991, is forecast to rise by a similar amount in 1992. The 42 point reduc-October 1990, and the halving of the inflation rate last year, have yet to have their full effect. And although personal wealth has fallen, largely because of lower house prices, it remains high by all but the standards of the late 1980s. There is scope for the saving ratio to fall back from its current high level without damaging personal sector balance sheets, but the forecast assumes only a modest fall, to 9% per cent by the first

These positive influences may be offset to some extent by the effects of continuing ket — any recovery here during 1992 is likely to be slow — and by high levels of debt. The rise in the debtincome ratio in the late 1980s was unprecedented, and past relationships provide little guide to how far consumers. might now want to retrench. However, a sharp deceleration of personal borrowing enabilised the debt-income ration in 1991, and some fall is possible during 1992. Lower interest rates mean that the costs of servicing debt have already fallen sharply. As a result, real disposable income for a typical family with a

£30,000-mortgage has risen by over 15 per cent since October 1990.

Consumers' expenditure is forecast to rise by I per cent in 1992, though the initial pick-up could be slow and the precise timing is uncertain. It is forecast to rise by 13, per cent in the year to the second half of 1992 and by 3 per cent in the year to the first half of 1993. Housing investment is likely to remain weak for a while before picking up later this year. The personal sector is expected to remain in substantial financial surplus.

Business investment early 1990 but has since fallen as companies have sought to improve their financial position against a back-drop of falling incomes. Business investment fell by 114 per cent in 1991.

If investment bears its usual relation to the cycle, it may continue to decline for a short time after output has begun to rise, though the fall forecast for 1992 is much less than that seen in 1991. This is consistent with the message from recent business surveys The CBI balances for optimism and investment intentions have weakened since the autumn statement but remain well above their troughs of a year ago.

Even at its trough in 1992, the ratio of business investment to GDP is forecast to be higher than in any year during the 1970s and the first half of the 1980s, a consequence of the recordgrowth rates seen in the late 1980s. With profitability increasing and the recovery becoming well established business investment is forecast to rise by 3 per cent in the year to the first half of 1993. And the conditions should be in place for stronger growth

#### Government investment

General government invest-ment fell by 94 per cent in 1991, but is forecast to rise by year-on-year growth rates have been distorted by fluctuations in the quarterly pattern of local authority investment, and by the surge in local authority investment at the beginning of 1990 as authorities forestalled the newcapital control regime intro-duced in April of that year. The forecast level of general government investment in 1992 is 24 per cent higher than in 1988 and 50 per cent. higher than in 1979.

#### Stockbuilding

Preliminary indications for 1991 suggest that companies continued to cut their stock Financial Statement 5 Budget Report 1992-93

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% changes on previous year unless otherwise stated	1891	1992	1993 (H1)	in pes 1/cas
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Domestic demand of which:	-3	1%	3%	13
Consumers' expenditure	-1%	1	3	13
General governme consumption	2%	1	5.8	1
Fixed investment	-10X	-X	3%	23
Change in stockbldg (% of GDP)	-%	*	1	7
Exports of goods and services	*	3%	635	13
imports of goods and services	-3	4	8%	23
GDP (average messure)	-2%	1	3	•
Non-North Sea GDP	-27	秀.	3	•
Manufacturing output	-5%	35	3%	1
Balance of Payments		-		
£ billion	-4%	-6%	2.0	4
percent of GDP	-%	-1	-1 %	3
inflation			-	-
Retall prices index (Q4)	4%	3%	*3%	19
Producer output prices (Q4)*	3%	2	31%	- 4
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2 billion	13%	28	_	65
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levels in response to their difficult financial position. But the rate of destocking has eased, and this trend is forecast to continue in 1992. As a result, while stock levels may continue to all through much of 1992, stockbuilding is forecast to make a positive contribution to growth. Companies may begin to build up stocks from late 1992 to keep pace with rising sales and output. The change in stockbuilding could add 1 per cent to GDP growth in the year to the first half of 1993.

Companies

Industrial and commercial companies profits (net of stock appreciation) are estimated to have fallen by 1% per cent in 1991. But with a sharp fall in outlays, com-pany saving rose a little. Together with the decline in capital expenditure this led to a halving of the financial delicit in 1991. Adjustment is forecast to continue in 1992, aided by a recovery in profits. By the first half of 1993 industrial and commercial companies could be close to financial balance.

#### **Employment**

Companies have reduced employment more quickly relative to output in this recession than in previous downturns. This no doubt reflects their determination to keep costs under control to maintain competitiveness, now that sterling is in the ERM. As a result, productivity has held up better this time than in previous post-war recessions. In the manufacturing sector, productivity rose by 24 per

cent in the year to the fourth quarter of 1991. It is now close to its all-time high, even though output is 8 per cent below its peak in the second

quarter of 1990. Productivity

growth is expected to gather

pace in 1992. Latest data indicate that employment has fallen by I million from its record level in hme 1990. It is likely to continue to fall for a while vet. though at a moderating pace. The upward trend in unemployment abated sharply in the course of 1991, much as expected. The trend monthly increase in unemployment levelled off around the turn of the year but is likely to moderate further in the months ahead as activity picks up.

#### Trade and balance of payments

The current account deficit in been £4 billion, sharply down from the £15 billion deficit recorded for 1990. The visible deficit nearly haived from £18's billion in 1990 to £10 billion in 1991. Exports reached record levels during the year, and low domestic demand held imports down. The surplus on invisibles rose sharply to £5 2 billion in 1991 from £3 billion in 1990, thanks to Gulf receipts and unusually low net EC contributions.

#### Labour costs

Unit labour costs grew much faster in the UK than else-

competitiveness continued to weaken in early 1991. Since then it has been improving. Price competitiveness deteriorated less than cost competitiveness in 1990 and had already started to improve by exporters cut their margins

Over the forecast period UK competitiveness is expected to improve, with manufacturing unit labour costs growing less quickly here than in the other main manufacturing countries. UK manufacturing unit labour cost growth has already fallen to under 4 per cent from a peak of around 11 per cent. It s expected to slow further in 1992 and to fall in the first half of 1993, reflecting both the slowdown in earnings growth and the pick-up in

#### Producer prices

Producer output price infla-tion (excluding food, drink and tobacco) has continued to fall in recent months, to 24 per cent in February — the lowest rate since 1969 — compared with 6½ per cent early last year. The annualized rate in the latest three months on the previous three months is now down to 24 per cent. Although unit labour cost growth is well down on a year earlier, profit margins remain under

Retail price inflation has also fallen substantially, to 4 per cent in January compared with 9 per cent a year earlier. The all-items rate has fluctuated over the last few months as the effects of changes in mortgage rates and oil prices in late 1990 have dropped out of the calculation.

Excluding these, the underlying rate has continued to fall in response to weak consumer demand and smaller rises in food prices. But retail price inflation excluding mortgage interest payments remains at around 54 per cent, somewhat above producer price inflation. This partly reflects the stubbornness of inflation in some

services prices. Pay settlements have fallen in response to falling inflation, weak labour market conditions and pressure on companies to maintain competitiveness. Provisional CBI data show settlements in manufacturing in the last quarter of 1991 averaging 4 per cent compared with 9 per Long-term interest rates cent a year earlier. Whole over the last year have been economy underlying earnings growth stood at 74 per

time since 1967 that underlying earnings growth has been

#### **Prospects**

Earnings growth should continue to fall over the coming year as lower settlements feed through, although there may be some pick-up in wage drift as activity increases. A cyclical recovery in productivity should also help to restrain manufacturers' unit labour costs, which are forecast to fall as the recovery gathers pace. This underpins the forecast of further falls in producer price inflation, to 2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1992 and 1's per cent by the middle of 1993. There should still be scope for companies to rebuild profit margins as

demand rises. Underlying retail price in-flation is also expected to fall through 1992 as producer price inflation continues to fall, and services prices increasingly respond to disinflationary pressures. Headline inflation may pick up in the coming months as the effects of last year's mortgage rate cuts and the 1991 Budget switch from the community charge to VAT drop out of the calculation. But RPI inflation is forecast to be down to 34 per cent by the fourth quarter of 1992 and 34 per cent by the second quarter of 1993.

The expected progress on underlying inflation is also reflected in the forecast for tthe GDP deflator, which measures the price of domestic value added (principally unit labour costs and profits per unit of output). The GDP deflator is expected to rise by 7 per cent in 1991-2, of which the 1991 Budget VAT increase contributes about 1 per cent, but by only 42 per cent in 1992-3.

#### **Financial** developments

Since the UK joined the ERM, the gap between UK interest rates and those in the low-inflation ERM countries has narrowed sharply as UK base rates have been cut to 10's per cent from 15 per cent. The gap between base rates and official interest rates in Europe fell further in mid-December last year when all other ERM countries increased their official interest rates, and UK rates were unchanged.

**Exchange rates** Following the December rise in other European interest

rates, sterling fell, reaching its lowest value against the mark since ERM entry. But the government's firm public commitment to the existing ERM parities and the growing awareness in the foreign exchange markets of the improved prospects for UK inflation helped to ensure that the pressure was short-lived.

on a downward trend, consis-

and national insurance rates

with a peak of 104 percent in inflation. The yield on 20-July 1990. This is the first year gilts has fallen from 104 per cent at the beginning of last year to little over 9 per cent on average in recent

> Equity prices recovered sharply in early 1991, but showed little further growth in the remainder of the year. Equity prices have risen over the last couple of months, perhaps indicating improv-ing expectations of economic growth.

#### Money and credit

The annual growth rate of MO has remained comfortably within its 0-4 per cent target range for the first ten months of 1991-2. In the first half of the financial year MO growth was a little below the mid-point of the range; in the second half it has been a little above the mid-point. M0 velocity growth has been consistent with its long-term

The annual growth rate of M4 has continued the fall which started in early 1990. Then it was about 18 per cent; in January this year it was about 6 per cent. Bank and building society lending growth peaked at around 25 per cent at the end of 1988; since then it too has fallen to about 6 per cent. Recent figures suggest that the sharp declines in the growth rates of M4 and bank and building society lending may have come to an end. M4 velocity. which has been on a steep downward trend since the early 1980s, appears to have fallen only marginally over

the last year. Lower borrowing for house purchase has played a significant part in the slowdown of lending growth. But persons other borrowing has re-mained subdued. The personal sector debt-income ratio, which rose steeply in the 1980s, partly reflecting financial liberalisation, seems now to have stabilised and may even be falling back.

Firms have also been cutting back on bank borrowing. Market conditions in 1907 have led them to prefer capital issues as a source of finance. Although M4 and L4 lending growth rates are at low levels as a result of the slowdown in activity, there is little evidence that the economic recovery in prospect will be inhibited by a shortage of bank or building society

#### Forecast and outturn

Inflation in 1991 was much as forecast. Errors on the forecasts of demand, activity and the current account were within the average errors from past forecasts. GDP in 1991 fell by a little more than forecast. Partly as a result the current account deficit was smaller than forecast. And the public sector borrowing requirement is likely to be well above last year's Budget forecast, though the error was no larger than the past

# Government borrowing will leap to £28bn in 1992-3

The Chancellor predicted a doubling in the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) in the next financial year, to

£28 billion. The increase reflected the delayed impact of weaker economic activity over the past year. The government

was committed to budget balance over the medium term

There follow edited extracts from the Red Book report on the government's financial

Successful economic performance requires permanently low inflation and a healthy supply side. The defeat of inflation on a lasting basis is the central objective of the medium term financial strategy (MTFS). This macroeconomic framework is complemented by microeconomic policies designed to improve the flexibility and efficiency of markets, with a view to increasing the sustainable growth rate of the economy over the medium term.

#### **Policy** framework

The government is committed to membership of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System, and this provides the framework for monetary policy. Sterling is currently operating within broad (6 per cent) bands, but will in due course move to narrow (24 per cent) bands at the current central parity of 2.95 marks.

Fiscal policy is set in a medium-term framework. The government's policy is to maintain a firm fiscal stance by balancing the budget over the medium term. This approach ensures that fiscal policy supports monetary policy in achieving low inflation.

The UK signed the Maastricht Treaty on European Union on February 7, 1992. That treaty, which has not yet been ratified by Parliament. sets out the conditions for establishing economic and monetary union (EMU) in the European Community. including the adoption of a single monetary policy and in due course a single currency. The UK has reserved the right to choose whether or not to participate in the final stage of EMU, and in particular whether to move to the single monetary policy and single currency. But whatever choice is made, the government's policies are designed to ensure that the UK meets the convergence criteria laid down in the treaty.

ERM membership will remain the central discipline underpinning UK macroeconomic policy in the medium term. In principle, policy requirements are not fundamentally altered by ERM membership: they would be much the same even if the UK had chosen to pursue the objective of defeating inflation outside the ERM. But ERM membership now provides the medium-term nominal framework within which the UK economy must

The UK is an open economy, with few constraints on international trade in goods and services; and the comple-tion of the single market will further reduce the remaining tariff and non-tariff barriers European Community partners. This freedom of trade, combined with the commitment to the ERM, means that the price of traded goods and services produced in the UK will largely be set in competitive international, and especially European, markets. UK costs and prices will not be able to move independently of those of our competitors for any length of time.

# PSBR in

Non-North Sea GDP in fi-nancial year 1992-3 is forecast up 14 per cent on the previous year, below the sus-tainable growth rate of the economy. And the recession will still be affecting the public finances: in particular, social security expenditure and corporation tax receipts both lag behind the output cycle. For both these reasonsthe PSBR will rise in 1992-3;it has been set at £28 billion. cent of GDP.

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#### Economy in medium term

Assumptions about the path of the economy are required in order to illustrate the possible evolution of the public finances over the medium

The level of real GDP is now below trend, following the contraction of demand over the past two years. But in the medium term output is determined primarily to supply factors, and over the next few years there should be scope for more rapid growth accompanied by low

non-North Sea GDP grows by 3½ per cent per annum from 1994-5, above the likely trend rate of growth; and that inflation comes down to 2 per cent by 1996-7, close to the best performance in ERM countries. The output path implies that between 1990-1 and 1996-7 non-North Sea GDP grows on average by around 2 per cent a year, well within the potential growth

#### Fiscal projections

The PSBR rises further as a

44 per cent, because of lower privatisations proceeds and the lagged effects of below trend growth in 1992-3. But thereafter it declines steadily towards balance in the medium term.

#### **Public sector** debt

The projected PSBR path implies some increase in the level of net public sector debt over the next few years. As the PSBR declines in response to ster output growth the ratio of net public sector debt to GDP will in due course resume a downward trend. The ratio is projected to peak at about 35 per cent of GDP in the mid-1990s, compared with an average of well over 45 per cent in the first half of the 1980s. Thus the prospective increase in the ratio only partially reverses the sharp fall in the late-1980s which was associated with the cyclical upturn and debt repay-

#### Revenue

Within this broad, mediumterm fiscal framework the government's policy is to cut taxes as and when this can be done on a sustainable basis and without prejudice to the government's objectives on inflation. The projections include fiscal adjustments of £1 billion in 1995-6 and 1996-7. But the precise size and timing of future tax reductions will depend on developments in the economy.

The revenue projections The projection assume that share of GDP in 1993-4, to are based on the conventional

from 1992-3, except where future changes have already been announced (for example, on contracted out rebates for national insurance contributions). Allowances, thresholds and specific duties are assumed to be indexed from their proposed 1992-3 levels. All proposed Budget changes are taken into account. The ratio of general government receipts to GDP falls further in 1992-3, largely reflecting the delayed impact on tax receipts of the fall in output in 1991-2. But as output recovers towards trend and delays in the payment of taxes work out, the ratio picks up over the medium term.

#### Public expenditure The government's objective

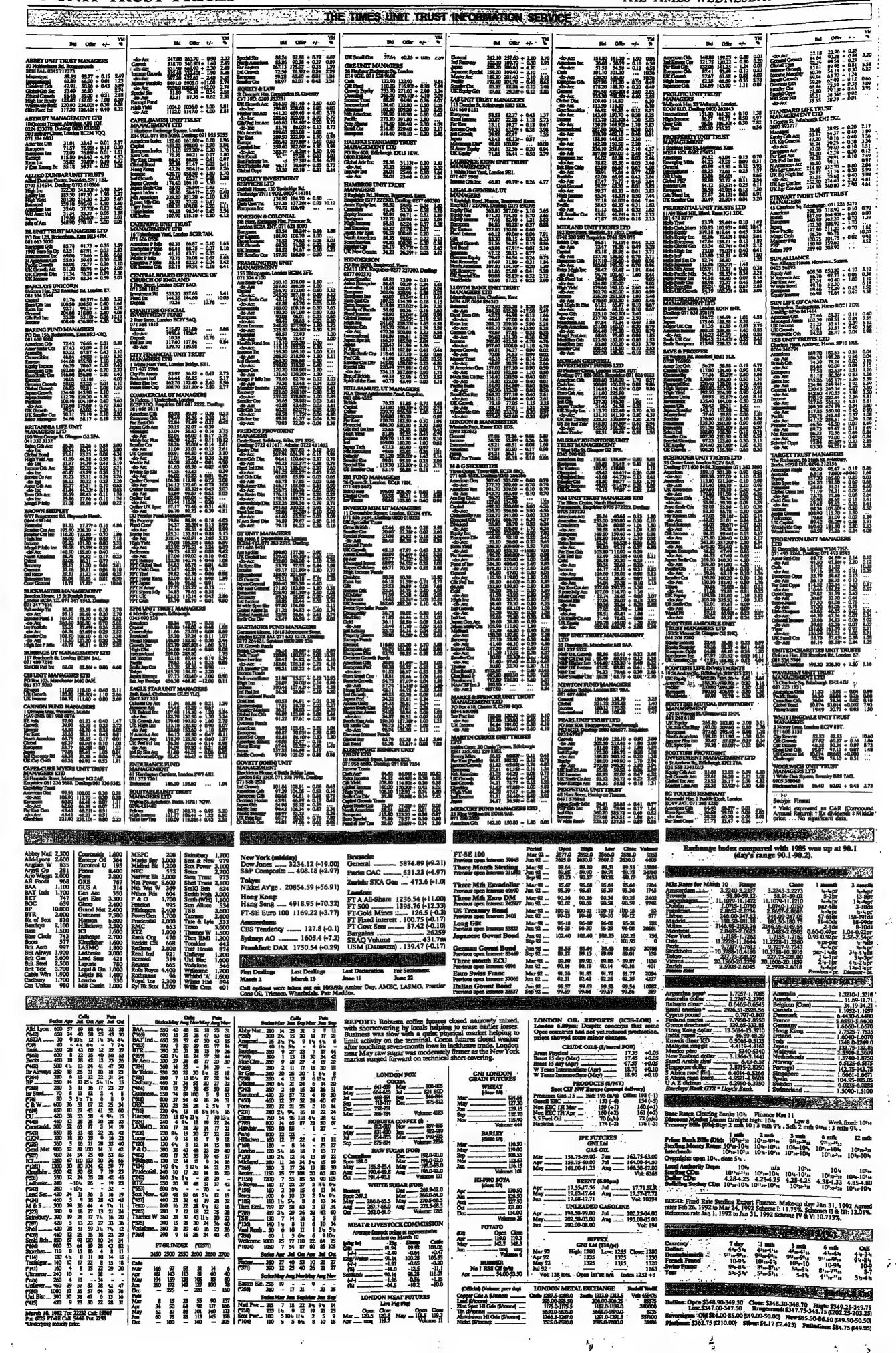
for public spending is that, over time, it should take a declining share of national income, while value for money is constantly improved. This is consistent with policy on the overall level of taxation within the framework of maintaining a balanced budget over the medium term. The public spending objective is expressed in terms of the ratio of general government expenditure (GGE), excluding privatisation proceeds, to GDP. An underlying downward trend in this ratio was established in the early-1980s. Strong economic growth in the later 1980s led to sharp falls in the ratio. Cyclical influences are now exerting upward pressure on

assumption of constant tax public spending, notably on social security, leading to some rise in the ratio. should resume its downward trend as the economy recovers. In 1991-2 the ratio is expected to be 42 per cent of GDP, 22 percentage points above its 1988-9 level, but still 512 percentage points below the level seen in 1982-3 following the early-1980s

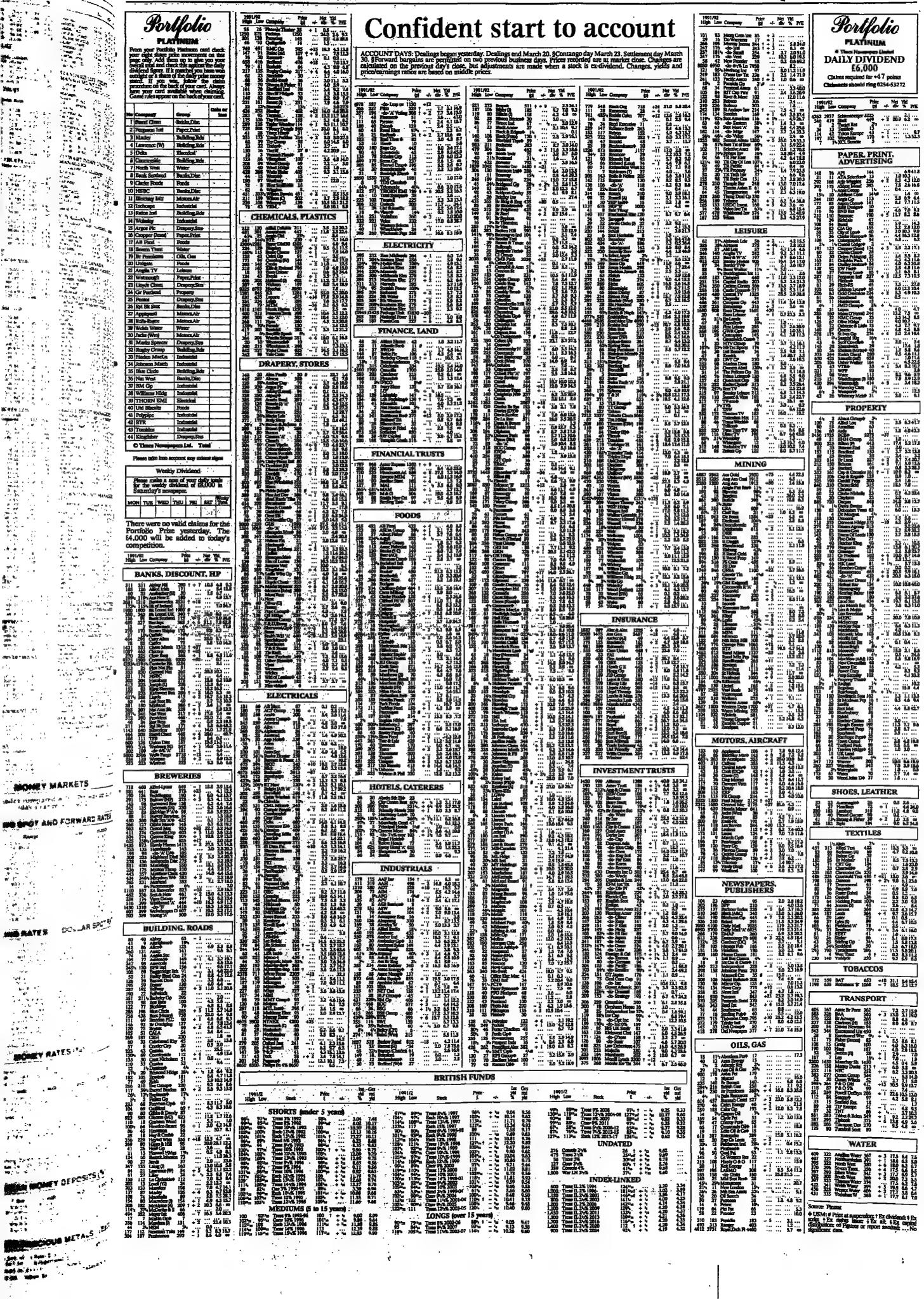
> The projections of general government expenditure include the cash planning totals published in the 1991 autumn statement for the period to 1994-5. The projections for local authorities' selffinanced expenditure take account of latest information on local authorities' spending in 1991-2 and budgets for 1992-3; and the projections of gross debt interest payments and accounting adjustments are consistent with other economic assumptions. For 1995-6 and 1996-7 it is provisionally assumed that the growth of real GGE will slow as cyclical effects continue to unwind expenditure plans will be settled in future surveys.

#### Summary

The MTFS reaffirms the government's commitment to bringing inflation down on a sustainable basis within the ERM, and achieving convergence within the European Community. The government continues to operate fiscal policy consistently with the objective of medium term budget balance. This will provide full support for the government's commitment to



MONISDAY MARCH



RUGBY UNION

# Lay-off may threaten England's progress

EIGHT months will pass before England, the grand slam champions, play international rugby again and Geoff Cooke, newly confirmed as team manager, believes that represents one of the greatest threats to team-building.

"It will be interesting to see how the players cope with their enforced lay-off from international rugby," Cooke said. Since September, there have been ten matches for which caps were awarded, plus three other warm-up games. Jason Leonard ap-peared in all 13 and Rory Underwood, Will Carling, Rob Andrew and Wade Dooley in 12. For them, internationals have become the norm. Leonard, the Harlequins prop, must rest a neck injury that left him without full use of one arm on

The break will allow the players to concentrate on families and businesses, which Cooke admits will be welcome. "On the other hand, it's important for us to keep in touch with them and keep some team identity going. It's when they're apart that the greatest danger to team building lies," he said. "We need to keep that iden-

tity rolling forward until the time comes for us to play again (against South Africa on November 14]. But we need to be careful with the mental drain on players, to keep them sharp and enthusi-astic about setting their own standards, performing to their best all the time.

Sometimes your mind switches down a gear because you are not being stretched enough in the challenge. The more successful the players are, the higher the level of expectation, not just from the public but from the players themselves. The higher the standards, the harder it is to

Dean Richards is another in need of rest, after damag-ing ribs and a hand. He has

withdrawn from the Barbarians team to play the East Midlands in the annual Mobbs memorial match at Northampton today, and misses Leicester's league game with Bristol on Saturday. Simon Povoas will replace him at No. 8, although both the Underwood brothers, Rory and Tony, turn out after last weekend's international commitments

Tony Brooks, of Rosslyn Park, replaces Richards in the Barbarians XV, which shows two other changes. Simon Dear, the Harlequins and England B lock, replaces the injured Neil Francis, and Colin Laity, the Neath and Wales B centre, comes in for Scott Gibbs.

☐ France have named an unchanged 2!-man squad for the game against Ireland at the Parc des Princes on March 2!. Although the French have lost two of their three matches, Pierre Berbizier, the coach, has remained loyal to the players and replacements from the game with Scotland. Wales and Scotland are expected to keep changes to a minimum when their teams to meet in Cardiff on the same day are named today and tomorrow,

The only likely amend-ments will restore players in-jured or ill last weekend. Ian Smith, who plays for Gloucester against Northampton on Saturday, should return to Scotland's back row with Emyr Lewis likely to be on the flank for Wales.

Patrice Lagisquet, injured for much of the season, is chosen in a French party with only three specialist for-wards for the Hong Kong sevens on April 4. He joins Didler Camberabero. another to lose his internanal place because of the several several place because of places pounds of the several places of the several p tional place because of injury.

# Rosslyn Park XV to oppose England

SCHOOLS RUGBY BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

FOLLOWING the final trial at Nottingham, England's 18-group selectors have chosen a squad of 23 to attend a training weekend at Castlecroft, Wolverhampton, which will end with a practice match against a strengthened Rosslyn Park Colts XV on Sunday, March 29.

For the purposes of this match, M D Wise, of Bristol College, S A La Rocco, of Oxford Tutorial College, and S Wright, of Wellington, will play in Rosslyn Park colours.

Two of the best schools teams in the country met when unbeaten Mount St Mary's entertained Bradford Grammar School. A rousing contest resulted with Bradford, who enjoyed wind advantage to lead 18-0 at the interval, holding off a strong Mount rally to win 18-10. Bradford will obviously take a

lot of beating in the Daily Mail Under-18 Cup.

RGS High Wycombe, their opponents in the semi-final on March 21, enjoyed a short Irish tour at half-term, losing to St Mary's College, Dublin. but winning their two other

Ampleforth, who have not prospered according to their own high standards, lost to Widnes VIth Form College by 18-8 in the final of the Mount St Mary's sevens.

MOUNT St Mary's sevens.

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Piste basher: Stockford with the skibob he will use in his medals quest

### Top speed skibob meets Stockford's golden aim

THE TIMES

Royal Mail

**PARALYMPICS** 

AWARDS

A skiing accident seven

years ago left him in a wheelchair, but within two

seasons, he was back on the

slopes, chasing victory in the championships for the disabled, winning the world

title in 1990 and the Came-

dian and United States

championships last year. With a revolutionary ski-

bob that will get its first

race outing at the Para-lympics, Stockford is look-

ing not just at Tignes, but at the 1994 Olympics in Lillehaumner. When I first

came back to skiing, the

bobs were not suited to

what I needed," he said. "I

wanted more out of the

technology, better suspen-

Now, after three years in

development. Stockford

thinks he and his team have

got the technology right; they have created a bob

BY ALIX RAMSAY

MATTHEW Stockford will head for Val d'Isère on Friday to put the finishing touches to his Winter Paralympics preparations, helped on his way by a cheque for £1,000 as the first recipient of The Times/Royal Paralympian awards. Stockford is not a one-

man band. He is the spear-head of Team Stockford, a group of three men determined to win gold in Tignes. Supported by Alan Clark, designer and builder of Stockford's new, high-tech mono skibob, and Jed Evans, his coach and technician, Stockford is aiming for the gold medal in the men's downhill, and, if all goes well in the slalom, a medal in the combined

"The award has come at just the right time for me," Stockford said. "Bach training trip costs about £1,000 for the three of us, and it means I can pay for my last trip rather than my

bank manager."
Stockford, aged 24, was a member of the English schools team in his teens, he won the Cumbrian schools championship every year from the age of 13. that will lift 55 migh at top speed. "It's as controllable as normal skis, provided you know the course. You have to know exactly what you're skiing, and know how to anticipate the He has entered all four

Alpine disciplines, finds the sialom the most demanding race. "I don't enjoy it as much and don't train so much for it, so it's hard for me to work up a good rhythm," he said. De-spite that, he won the slaiom bronze in the world championships which, to-gether with his downhill gold medal, gave him the silver in the combined. But past victories are no cure

for pre-race nerves.
"Just now, the doubts are starting to creep in as the Games get closer and closer," he said. "It was the same before the worlds. But over the past couple of years, I know I've beaten everyone in contention, so in Tignes, I shall be there or

The Times/Royal Mail awards are designed to en-courage leading disabled athletes to achieve their goals at the Winter Games, which start on March 25, and at the Summer Games

# Royal Gait survives an enquiry to claim title

BIG RACE RESULT

capture the £120,000-added Smurfit Champion Hurdle 9.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HUR-DLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade I: on the opening day of the 1992 National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham yesterday.

In a driving finale, Sheikh

Mohammed's gelding, a 6-1 chance, held on by half a length from Oh So Risky (20-1) with a short head back to

Ruling (20-1), who was fin-ishing third for the second year in succession. However, an enquiry was called immediately and it appeared that Royal Gait. trained by James Fanshawe, had hampered the fourth-

placed Fidway.

Royal Gait was disqualified from first place in the 1988

Ascot Gold Cup but there was to be no repeat this time with the stewards allowing the re-sult to stand after a 25-

Henderson's festival

off to a flying start

minute enquiry. Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, said: "That was a great performance by Royal Gait and a real tribute to James Fanshawe and his staff for getting him here."

ROYAL Gait survived a dra-

matic stewards' enquiry to

The nine year-old had been retired in 1990 when the suspicion of leg trouble reared its head again. But

FLOWN looked a champion hundler in the making when giving the 1992 Cheltenham festival a spectacular lift-off in the Translar House Su-preme Novices' Hurdle

Nicky Henderson's five-

year-old touched down in

and strode away for a ten-

length victory over Halkopous with Fame And

Apart from the impressive 13-2 winner, Henderson also saddled 4-1 favourite New

York Rainbow to finish fourth and the fifth borse

home Current Express.
Henderson had been advising owners Edward and Peter Winfield for the last

is only five and we could come back next year and win it." Tim Thomson Jones was

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the Sheikh's White Lodge Stud and was sent to Emma and Joey Newton to go hunt-ing with the Belvoir Hunt in

They schooled him and sent him hunting but soon realised Royal Gait was destined for better things. So it was back to Newmarket, this time to the Pegasus House stables of Fanshawe.

Paul Holley, rider of halflength runner-up Oh So Risky, said: "I thought we

York Rainhow would win. The Lambourn trainer said:

"I feared with only one previ-

ous jump race, Flown would

have been too inexperienced.

But he was brilliant, he just

Jockey Jamie Osborne said: "You don't expect to

win as easily as that at Chel-

tenham. I was always in sec-ond gear and he just went away from them."

Henderson will be buying fellow trainer Richard

Hannon an extra large drink. Hannon trained Flown to win a series of handicaps on

the Flat last summer and rec-

switch the horse to Hender-

son for a hurdling campaign.
Flown carned a 14-1 quote with William Hill for next

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wered away."

"puzzled" by the running of fourth-placed Fidway. "He has always quickened up in races before but didn't today," he said.

Fanshawe, 29, was mobbed with congratulations as he emerged from the stew-

ards' room. He said: "The inquiry was a worry. Royal Gait proved he was a class horse as soon as he arrived in my yard. I'm so grateful to Sheikh Mohammed for sending him to me. He produced a great periormance, and was always going

Morley Street, heavily-backed down to 2-1 favourite to retain his crown, found disappointingly little on the run-in and finished sixth. Jimmy Frost, his rider, reported: "The horse was never

sparkling." Bookmakers breathed a sigh of relief when Royal Gait foiled the gamble on Morley Street. Available at 4-1 in the morning, Morley Street opened at 7-2 at the course and was backed down to 2-1 with major bets including £35,000 to £10,000, £37,500 to £15,000 and £13,500 to

£6,000. Nomadic Way, twice a runner-up in the Champion Hurdie, finally gained his moment of festival glory when landing the Bonus Print Stayers' Hurdle at 15-2.

Jamie Osborne, complet-ing an unforgettable treble, sent Nomadic Way to the front approaching two out and stayed on well to beat Irish-trained favourite Trapper John with French raider Ubu III third.

Lambourn trainer Barry Hills, jubilant after saddling his first festival winner, said: Nomadic Way certainly deserved to win a good one. Having won the Cesarewitch as a three-year-old, he needed a trip like this to bring the best out of him over hundles."

The clerk of the scales objected to Charlie Swan, rider of the runner-up, for "failing to draw the correct weight and Trapper John was disqualified with Ubu III and Crystal Spirit Spirit each promoted a place to second and

# Young Pokey storms home

BY MICHAEL SEELY

YOUNG Pokey sprinted bome to a decisive win over Tinryland in yesterday's Wa-terford Castle Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham to give Jamie Osborne the middle leg of a magnificent 317-1 treble on the opening day of the National Hunt

Next year's Queen Mother Champion Chase is now a likely target for yesterday's 4l winner.

"Young Pokey will stay further but if he is this good over two miles, why bother to find out," said Oliver Sherwood, who was saddling his fifth Cheltenham festival winner. Who knows, we might be able to knock Waterloo Boy and Remittance Man off their perches next year."

Fragrant Dawn made most. of the early running until Osborne kicked for home on. the eventual winner at the second last.

Space Fair was still on terms with Deep Sensation. the 3-1 favourite, already feeling the strain.

Up the final hill, Young Pokey battled on gamely beat Tinryland, who had been struggling to go the

The uniucky horse of the race appeared to be David Nicholson's mare, Shamana, who was still moving well on the heels of the leaders when she fell at the second last.

Sherwood: fifth Cheltenham festival winner

Beforehand, Sherwood's chief worry had been the over night rain. "I was miserable when I woke up this morning pace, by three-and-a-half and heard it lashing down. In the end the going was all right, but the firmer it is the lengths. Space Fair finished third, Deep Sensation fourth and Fragrant Dawn fifth. better for him. His jumping won him the race. The others made mistakes and he took advantage of it. He's a proper

jumper and will go to Liverpool next." Osborne, delighted at having turned the Ascot tables on Deep Sensation, said: "We were 41b bester today and my horse has just come to his peak. He was tiring at the finish after the overnight rain

but he still stayed on. Nicky Henderson had no excuses to offer for the strong-ly-fancied Tinryland. "He was always having difficulty in going the gallop but he ran his heart out and I was thrilled."

Josh Gifford however was disappointed with Deep Sensation. "I thought he was spot on, but he wasn't. He just didn't spark."

BRIDGE

#### Londoners strike a rich seam

PLAYERS from the home counties dominated the Grand Master pairs, the premier event at the Ranked Master pairs championship in Birmingham last weekend (Albert Dormer writes). Four of the top five pairs were Londoners, though the event was won by Michael Allen and Steve Green, of Warwickshire. After a poor start, they hit a purple patch and won by almost a clear match.

In the Life Master pairs, a member of the junior European team paired up with a member of the 1990 junior team to win handsomely.

RESID. 10 WIT BARDSOMELY.
RESULTS: Greend Measter pairs: 1, M Allen and S Green; 2, S Eginton and D Burn; 3, D Maller and A Thompson. Life Measter pairs: 1, H Arroyrisatis and I Pagan; 2, D Hante and J Williams; 3, M Robinson and G Kenyer. National Master pairs: 1, J Daton and P Goodman-Smith; 2, P Fogerty and N Freeks; 3, R Saba and P Godiny. Regional Master pairs: 1, F Walton and N Economou; 2, W Master and I Clare; 3, L Anderson and G Carborne. Star Measter pairs: 1, T Clach and M Fithyan; 2, J Calbanach and S Griffin; 3, S Patel and J Games.

# Box of tricks spoils the rugby flow

SPORT ON

TELEVISION

THE WEEK

IN REVIEW

By Henry Kelly

HATS off to England's double-grand-slammy team, which duly rewrote rugby union history on Saturday by handing out the same sort of treatment to Wales as they had already done to Scotland, France and Ireland.

The captain decided to do some personal mickey-tak-ing before the game was a minute old by scoring a try which Webb, needless to say, converted: 6-0 to England, or if you were watching the game on BBC television, 4-0 to England.

The producers of Saturday's game were so keen to use their action replay machinery, they decided to use it while Webb was taking the conversion. Later they pulled the corne trick amin pulled the same trick again. Why? The BBC has had the action replay facility since 1966. Wouldn't you think it would have tired of the novelty and learned how to use And while I'm on about television techniques, there from Australia, which

replays that any more and Wales would have won 24-0. All this, incidentally, from the Beeb, whose spokesmen and women are forever telling us that one of the terrible things about having "national" sports on ITV would be that they would be broken up by adverts. I will

tricks only when necessary. Meanwhile, back at the BSkyB ranch, Charles Colvile and any combination of John Emburey, David Lawrence and Bob Willis and others are still talking us through the crick-et World Cup. And a good job they are doing too, though if I had a special plea, it would be that we stick with one team of commentators: Emburey and Willis would suit me fine and even if it means they lose some sleep for a few

BSkyB takes, is uneven: someone has told the cameras to follow the ball, which is misleading: there was one howler last Thursday, when continue to plead with tele-vision people to use their instead of staying with. Gooch's stumps, which — we learned later — had been missed by a whisker, the cameras followed the hall,

which went so high into the wicketkeeper's gloves as to disappear through the roof of the television. With the accompanying roars, it was an agonising few seconds before I knew whether Gooch was out or not. However, that's a small complaint and everybody is surely looking forward to the cup final and, hopefully. weeks, then so what? Pay them properly and let's have another England win. I can never remember whether there is evidence some consistency.

The Channel 9 coverage

that Mrs Worthington did

put her daughter on the stage, but if she was looking at QED last week on BBC2 she certainly would not have sent any child to the United States to be trained in physical activity and sport by one Mary Marinovich. The producer, Chris Thau,

and voice over. Dr Anthony ('Mind-You-I've-Said-Nothing") Clare, let the man in question have free rein to show us how he has turned his son into a leading Ameri-



Webb: not on screen

can football player with a regime of physical activity from his toddling days that owes nothing to what must have happened in the old East Germany.

It was a chilling pro gramme, littered with Mary's smug statistics. Ex-

ample: "Fifty-eight per cent of American children be-tween 6 and 11 are obese." Is the answer to do to them what we saw happening to Mary's three-year-old who was being put through physical jerks and nearly made me ill on the spot? I think not. The most telling shot in this excellent programme was when we were presented with a camera pan along a line of college student footballers. To say that as they listened to Mary they

inaccurate: they looked totally gormless.
Thank you, Chris Thank for showing us the maccept-able side of sport in a week when we were cheered in rugby and cricket by fine examples of what it really is

looked gormless would be

FOOTBALL Rumbelows Cup Semi-final, second leg First-leg score in brackets Manchester Utd (0) v Middlesbrough (0) (8.0).

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Liverpool v West Ham
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(all ticket, 7.45)
Norwich v Chelsea (7.45)
OPR v Leads (7.45)
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Southampton v Crystal Palace

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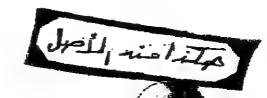
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# Remittance Man poised to take two-mile crown

THE Queen Mother Champion Chase should be a marvellous spectacle at Cheltenham today now that Remittance Man and Waterloo Boy have both stood their ground alongside last year's winner Katabatic.

By deciding to run Remittance Man in today's grade one race over two miles instead of the Cathcart Challenge Cup over an extra halfmile tomorrow, Nicky Henderson has certainly not taken the soft option.

I hope to see his judgement vindicated and the colours made famous by the late Lord Bicester's good chasers again carried to victory at this mec-

ca of jumping.
It has long been my contention that a top-class chaser over two-and-a-half miles is an ideal candidate for the two-mile championship at Cheltenham where the distance takes so much getting. One only has to recall the feats of Royal Relief and

Two years ago, Barnbrook Again outlasted Waterloo . Boy in that memorable struggle up the final hill.

Barnbrook Again to get the

When Katabatic beat Waterioo Boy by seven lengths on the corresponding occasion last year, Waterloo Boy was not at his peak following an interrupted preparation.

He is at his best now, though, following successive victories at Sandown, Wetherby, Ascot and Newbury which have seen him emerge as a specialist over today's distance.

In contrast, Remittance Man has been campaigned over further this season, who ning twice over two-and-ahalf miles at Newbury either side of failing to stay the three miles of the King George VI ·Chase at Kempton. Anyone who watched ReMICHAEL PHILLIPS

mittance Man win the Arkle Challenge Trophy over today's course and distance 12 months ago will be well aware of what he is capable of over this minimum trip.

On that occasion he beat Uncle Ernie and Redundant Pal by six lengths and the same in a time that was fractionally faster than Katabatic clocked to win the two-mile championship 24 hours later.

Interestingly, Uncle Ernie was beaten only four lengths by Waterloo Boy at Newbury last month. So, Remittance Man looks well capable of ending Waterloo Boy's win-

ning rim and he is my nap. However David Nicholson and Richard Dunwoody fare in their quest to win the feature race with Waterloo Boy, this in-form combination should be on the mark in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle with Theiford Forest.

The Condicote five-year-old displayed a pleasing blend of speed and stamina at Warwick three weeks ago when



Atmytage: leading chance

beating Sendai, who had pre-viously accounted for the unbeaten Travado.

Milmehoma, Mutare and Springaleak are my three against the field for the Sun Allimnoe Chuse.

Over hurdles Miinnehoma was up to beating Remittance Man. And when he also brought about the first defeat over fences of Mutare at Chepstow in January, subsequent winners Danny Harrold and Ask Frank were a long way behind in third and fourth place.

While Mutare has a chance of taking his revenge now on 3lb better terms for three-and a half-lengths, I still ex-pect to see the latter give Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore their second consecutive success in the race, having won it 12 months ago with Rolling Ball.

Springaleak, who is undefeated in five races over fences this season, looks a sporting bet to be placed since Chel-tenham looks tailormade for her judged on the way that she counter-attacked when beating Rough Quest at War-

While my Irish contact tells me High Peak and Bishop's Staff should both go well in the National Hunt Chase for amateur riders, I do not intend to look further than the Tim Thomson Jones-trained Keep Talking.
The seven-year-old im-pressed when winning at

Kempton last time and will be ridden by the experienced

Marcus Armytage.
With Trapper John de-clared for the Coral Golden Hurdle final, 18 of the runners will nor compete with their correct weight. Not so The Widget Man, who is expected to relish this trip after finishing a close second over two-and-a-half miles at Kempton last time.

# King's Curate run hinges on rain

Curate were praying for more rainplast night. Showers which swept Gloucestershire yesterday morning did not persuade trainer Stan Mellor

THE connections of King's ance Chase but unless there is further rain he will be pulled

present but I've left him in the Bonus Print Stayers' Hurdle, fell this morning came too a race he won 12 months ago. Late and the ground is not good to soft by any means."

Mellor was fined £250, half

Arazi is among 101 entries.

.1 113143 (2000 TIMES 12 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-08 West(7) 86 Recorded number. Six-figure form (F — felt. P — pulled up. U — unsetted fider. B — broughtdown. B — stipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Dayseince test outing; F if fiel. (B — binkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield, G — soursewinner, D — distance wirner. CD — course and distance wirner. BF - beaten tavourite interier race). Going on which horse has won/F - firm, good to firm, hard, G - good to soft, heavy). Owner interacters. Trainer. Age said weight. Riderplus any allowance. The times Privater encloapper's rating.

of one per cent of the £50,000 added prize-money, for yes-terday's withdrawal and faces Mellor said: The ground is not soft though for him at same today.

"We know the risks we are

☐ Arazi is among 101 entries for the \$500,000 Blue Grass Stakes in Keeneland on April 11. Francois Boutin is expected to announce at the weekend whether the colt will run in the Keeneland race or a French group race as a prelude to the Kentucky Derby on May 2.

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NOVICES HURDLE (Grade 1: 202.095: 2m)
FLOWN b g Hottoot - My Own II. (E Wrifield) 5-11-8 J Oeborne (13-2) T. Halkopous b g Beldale Furtier - Selamina (A Christodoulou 6-11-3 A Maguire (11-2) 2. Fortune And Fame b g Canden Town-Corrie Royal (M Smartl) 5-11-8 B Sheritian (6-1)
ALSO RAN: 4 lav New York Flainbow (4th), B 3oft Day, 12 Barry Window, 18 Baydon Star. Chafold Copes, Song Of Stepence, 20 Buckboard Bournes, Current Express (669), 33 Polishing, 40 Stevesdon, 65 Franch Ivy, 100 Miss Bobby Bennet (6th), 200 Aston Again, 300 Taibot, 17 rsn. 10, 31, hd, 1½1, 10t. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tola: 25.30, 22.40, 22.00, 22.30. DF: £12.80. Trics: 23.12.0. CSF: £37.08.

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ALSO RAN: 3 tav Deep Sensation (4th), 10 Stramana (1), 11 Alkinor Rex (pu), 12 Mass Appeal, 16 Valvodien, 20 Fleshy Buck (ur), Fragrant Deven (5th), 50 Bourden Dury (6th), 11 ran. 314, 2, 214, 214, 141, O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn, Tota: 24.10, 21.70, 22.00, 22.80 DF: 210.70. Tno: 242.80, CSF: 221.54 Tricast: £179.43.

3.30 SMURFIT CHAMPION HURDLE CHALLENGE TROPHY (Grade 1: 180,085: 2m) SEÉ PACING PAGE

4.05 BONUSPRINT STAYERS HUR-DLE (Grade I: 240.535: 3m 10 MOMADIC WAY bit Assert - Minymann (R Sangster) 7-11-10 / Osborne (15-2) 1. Ubu III big Melymad - Iais (Marquesa de Moratala) 6-11-10 A Kondrat (10-1) 2. Crystal Spirit big Kris - Crown Fressura (P Mellon) 5-11-10 P Soudamore (7-2) 3. ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Trapper John (disq). 11-2 Forest Sun (bit), 12 Burgoyne (4th), 16 Randolph Piace (5th), Tyrone Bridge, Nancy Myles, 33 Rustle, Upton Park, 50 Father Time (pu), Secret Four, 68 Jeessu,

Shannon Gian, 100 Denring Velley (pu). Orbis. 17 ran. 3/41, 2/41, hd, 31, 100. B 14/45 at Lambourn. Tote: E5.00; E2.10, E2.80, E1.80. DF: £41.30. The: E3.80. CSF: E78.83. Tricest: E287.68. NF: King's Curate. After a stewards' enquiry, Trapper John, who had finished 2nd, was disquestred.

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4.40 FILICE WALLWYN KOM MILIT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £17,839: 3m)
TUG OF GOLD or g Tug Of Wer - Grey Squirrel (Mrs J Mould) 7-10-2 M Armyriage (11-1)
Paco's Boy b g Good Rhyma - Jeremique (F K Roofing 160) 7-9-11 N Moore (6-1) 2. Latent Tailent b g Celtic Cone - Pre Meu (C Heath) 8-00 J Durison (7-1) 3.
Strong Gold b g Strong Gale - Mass Goldiane (Mrs S Robins) 59-12 G Levin (20-1)
ALSO RANE 13-2 few Third in Line, 7 Auction Lew, 8 Leura's Beau (pu), 9 Lecider, 11 Ronans-Birthday (8th), 12 Damers Cavalty (ur), 14 Prisoreh's Leen (no), Team Challenge, 18 Fatherby Lover, 25 Golden Minetral (5th), 50 Moza Tidy, 88 Secret Rits (pu), Border Archer (pu), 19 mn, 1181, 51, 51, kt, sh hd, D Nicholson at Stow-On-The-Wold, Tota: £10.20, £2.30, £2.60, £1.50, £5.70, DF: £72.30, Trice £246.50, CSF: £105.03, Tricest: £596.58.
L15 CHELTERHAM distant Annoth (14) Gardener You' Like b g Deep Ruin - Gardenoghue (A Ennover) 8-10-0 J Revensign (14-1)
Wide Boy b g Decoy Boy Wide Of The Mark (Propiem) 10-100 Migerett (16-1) 3. Nos Na Gapathe br g Strong Gale - Abroad P Green) 9-10-9 R Gardey (S-1), 22, 60, £5.20, £5.20, £7.20, £7.20, £2.50, £5.20, £5.20, £7.20,

Jackpot: £20,058.40. (Pool of

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Sedgefield Going: firm (good to firm in places): 2.05 (3m 2: 160yd hdie) 1, Landsker Cats (A Carroll, 6-1) 2, Al Sabak (15-2) 3, Condrolld (50-1): Mille 11-4 fav. 12 ran. 81, 251. Mrs. P. Sty. Tolse: £11.40; £3.40,

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22.90, 25.80, OF: 272.80, CSP. 243.89, THERSE 21,613.03, 2.35 (2m 44 Indle) 1, Fless Vais (R Martey, 7-4 fav); 2, Clovernili (5-1); 3, Viva Bella (33-1). 8 ren. 8l, Ind. T Fairhand. Tota: 22.80; £1:10, £2.50. DF: £4.70, CSP: £9.54. 29,54.
3.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Cosmic Ray (P Midgley, 2-9 fav); 2, Moutton But (33-1); 3, Amthony Bett (20-1), 6 ran. 4, 3161, Mar V Aconley, Tota: 21-20; 51.10, 52.80; DP-25.20, CSP: 28.05. Aconley. Tota: £1.25; £1.10, £2.90; DP: £3.80, £3.50 (3m 2f 180yd cir) 1, Paddy Hayson (Mr R Shinsia, 4-6 tar); 2; Goner House (20-1); 3, Royal Graek (2-1); 7 can. Diet, 18, 8 Landberter. Tote: £1.80; £1.10; £3.50, DP: £7.50, CSP: £11.68, 3, Landsdef (2-1 tar), 4, can. 71, hd. 8 Elisson. Tota; £2.30, DP: £3.20, CSP: £0.06, 5.00 (2m hdle) 1, Nicholas Maris (D Byrna, 4-1); 2, Buckin Mellinug (2-1 tar), 4, 5, Sovereign Niche (8-13, 10 ran. 156, £1, 211.0, £2.40, DP: £3.50, CSP: £1.00, £1.10, £2.40, DP: £3.50, CSP: £12.55, Tricast: £57.11.

Placepot: 287.30. Lingfield Park

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Going: standard
1.56 (Im 2) 1. Riviers: Rainbow (J
Hunter, 7-4 intert; 2. Smiling Chief (9-1):
3. Loudest Whisper (7-4 j-lev): 8 ran. 10,
11. D Elsworth. Tota: 21.80; 21.70, 23.20,
c1.20. DF: 23.70. CSF: c17.53;
2.26 (8); 1. Vary Dios; c17.53;
2. Albo's Fighter (3-1); 3: Count Me Out;
(20-1): 11 ran. 51, 1Mt. S Dow. Tota: 23.80;
21.00, 21.70, 27.50. DF; 23.10. CSF:
55.82,
2.55 (7); 1. Annaaling These Signary

25.62. (7) 1, Appealing Times (Emma CFGorman, 3-1 fev); 2, Serum (4-1); 3, Zinben (20-1), 8 ran. NF; ktr Linn, 1741, %L W O'Gorman, Tota: £3.20; £1.10, £1.10, £4.90, DF; £2.60, CSF; £14.58, Tricast: £175.54. 2775.54.
3.25 (6) 1. Misdamenours Girl (8) Doyle, 8-1); 2. Staly's Son (5.2 fts/); 3. Hushanas (7-2). 7 ran. Hd. 1141. M. Charnon. Tota: E14450; 23.90, 21.80. 0F-28.10, CSF-227.18.
3.55 (1m 2); 1. Dazzis The Crowd (G Duffield, 4-1); 2. Avesome Power (7-2 fts/); 3. Appliancediscismos (8-1); 13 ran. NR Sarsen Express. 11, B. C Cyzhr. Tota: 59.20; 23.00, 22.20, 33.00. DF: 212.70. CSF: 221.04. Tricest: 2110.52.
4.25 (1m 4); 1. Casplan Beluga (F Norton, 8-1); 2. Samural Gold (7-2 fts/); 3. Strat's Legacy (5-1), 12 ran. Hd. 2141. Mrs. A Knight. Tota: 277.00; 22.20, E1.80, 21.20. DF: 214.10. CSF: 227.17. Tricest: 255.53.
4.55 (1m 2); 1; With Gusto (5 Davies, 16-

235.33. 4.55 (Im 2)-1, With Gusto (\$ Davies, 16-1): 2. La Reine Rooge (14-1): 3, Amphigory (64 lav). 8 ran. 11, 40, K Cunningham-forum: Tota: 214.00; 22.70; 23.50, 21.20. DF: £116.50, CSF: £191.81.

blind, had his first winner as an owner when Flass Vale, the 7-4 favourite, scored by eight lengths in the McEwans 80 Shillings Spe-cial Top Of The North Novices Hurdle Qualifier at Sedgefield yesterday. Flass Vale, ridden by Roger Marley, sidestepped a race at Doncaster last Saturday in order to tackle this easier

MANDARIN · RICHARD EVANS 2.15 Therford Forest 2.15 Muse. 2.15 THETFORD 2.50 REMITTANCE 2.50 REMITTANCE MAN (nap). 3.30 The Widget Man. MAN (nap). 3.30 Pactolus. 2.50 Waterloo Boy. 3.30 Better Times Ahead. 4.05 Parson's Thorns. 4.05 Minnehoma. 4.40 Keep Talking. 5.15 King Of The Lot. 4.05 General Idea. 4.40 Keep Talking. 5.15 Ardbrin. 4.40 The Forties. 5.15 Farmlea Boy. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,30 HOLY JOE.

GOING: GOOD 2.15 SUN ALLIANCE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade I; £34,152; 2m 4f) (30 runners)

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101 14-421 ASHFOLD COPSE 33 (D.G) (Mrs P Locks) G Harwood 6-11-7 M Perrett
102 e122 BARTON BANK 33 (S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-11-7 R Bellamy
103 121 BOLLIN PATRICK 11 (D.F.S) (Sir Nell Westbrook) M H Esistarby 7-11-7 R Gertithy
104 3-4282 CHARTERPORHARDWARE 11 (Charter Racing Lad) M Pipe 6-11-7 P Niveo
105 325251 COMMERCIAL ARTIST 24 (S) (M O'Nell) V Bowers (m) 6-11-7 T Tariffe
106 -4-128 DRURY LANE 32 (S) (Mrs J Magnier) M O'Toole (Ire) 5-11-7 J P Beneham
107 33-9419 FIRSELY BALANCED 84 (S) (Albury Recing Lid) R Curits 5-11-7 J P Beneham
108 13-11111 FLASHING STEEL 11 (D.S) (C Haughey) J Multiern (Ire) 7-11-7 K O'Brien 
108 0-3 FLITURE (NnG 16 (Mass E Curits) A Jarde 5-11-7 D Morris
109 1-1125 GNOWE'S TYCOON 25 (S) (Stablemate Racing Pic) R Lister (Ire) 6-11-7 D O'Connor
111 13-41F1 HAWTHORN BLAZE 33 (D.S) (C Smith) D Eleventh 6-11-7 G Bredley
112 060210 MAN OF MYSTERY 15 (S) (A Carver) C Tristline 6-11-7 A Maguire
113 20/ MISTRAL STORY 732 (J Hatchinson) J Gifford 7-11-7 MOH-RUNNER
114 66024 MULL HOUSE 20 (M Lown) F O'Mahoty 5-11-7 MOH-RUNNER
115 32-1122 MUSE 39 (BF,D.G.S) (White Horse Facing Did ) D Eleventh 5-11-7 MOH-RUNNER
116 483-110 MY KEY SILCA 30 (B.B.F.,S) (Walton) C Nash 7-11-7 M A Figurated
119 131D22 SWEET DUKE 11 (BF,G.S) (A Mevrou) N Twiston-Device 5-11-7 M A Figurated
119 131D22 SWEET DUKE 11 (BF,G.S) (M Signal Finance) G Moore 5-11-7 M Device120 23331 TRUPLE WITCHING 38 (B.S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pisnen 6-11-7 M Device121 11131 THETFORD FOREST 21 (G.F.G.S) (S Menara) D Nicholson 5-11-7 M Device122 3/68-4 TRP MARINER 28 (S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pisnen 6-11-7 M Purper
123 1-112 TRUPLE WITCHING 38 (B.S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pisnen 6-11-7 M Purper
124 104 45 YOUNG HUST LER 11 (D.F.G.S) (Maschern) N Heiderson 6-11-7 M Purper
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127 S MUSE STATION 11 (S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pisnen 6-11-7 L Levening 3 APSIMORE 37 (J Tuck) J Tuck 5-11-2 21013 FIGHT TO WIN 21 (D.F.G) (P Mellon) J Balding 4-10-12 (32 MISR STATION 11 (8) (Mr V Payen) J Bolger (m) 4-10-12 85 NORNAX LAD 26 (Ms K Renkin) A Denson 4-10-12

RETTING: 9-2 Theritord Forest, 5-1 Muse, 5-1 Fleshing Steel, 5-1 Hewthorn Blazze, Travade, 10-1 Sollin Patrick, 12-1 Triple Witching, 14-1 Native Price, 16-1 Ashfold Copes, Sweet Dute, 20-1 others.

1991: CRYSTAL SPIRIT 4-10-12 J Frost (2-1 fm) I Belding 29 min

ASHFOLD COPSE beat BARTON BANK (Sib better off) 25s in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 4t 120yd, good). BOLLIN PATRICK beat SWEET DUKE (4b worse off) 10s in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Heydock (2m 4t, good to soft). PLASHING STEEL beat Seeled 11st in a 8-runner lested hurdle at News (2m, yielding), earlier, beat GNOME'S TYCOON (4b better off) 53s in a 6-runner Punchestown hurdle (2m 4t, good). HAW-THORN BLAZE beat See More Indians 2 in a 14-runner Newbury novice hurdle (2m 4t 120yd, good), MUSE 21 2nd of 10 to Rothko in a Chepatow novice hurdle (3m, soft) with TRIPLE WITCHING (same

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2.50 QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (Grade I: £63,390: 2m) (6 runners)

101	112-132	KATABATIC 67 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (Pel-mell Partners) A Turneti 9-19-0	e 199
	1111-32	MASTER RAJH 16 (D.F.G.S) (Mm P Gleon) J Chugg 8-12-0 M Lynch	
	435151	REDUNDANT PAL 27 (B.D.S) (P O'Neill) P Muline (Ire) 9-120 C O'Dwyer	78
204	111-131	REMITTANCE MAN \$2 (CO,F,G,S) (J Collins) N Henderson 8-12-0	97
		STAR'S DELIGHT 14 (CD,F,G,S) (F Berr) M Pipe 10-12-0 P Soudemore	-
		WATERLOO BOY 32 (CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nobelson 9-12-0 R Durincody	97
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BETTING: 4-5 Remittance Man. 9-4 Waterion Boy. 5-1 Ketabetic. 25-1 others. 1991: KATABATIC 8-12-0 S MoNell (9-1) Andrew Turnell 7 rpn

KATABATIC 7/ 2nd of 6 to Pat's Jester in grade I
Newton Chase at Heydock (2m of, good), MASTER
RAJH 48/ lest of 2 to Young Snught in Kampton
chase (2m, good to firm), REDVINDANT PAL, best
Final Tub 8/ in a 6-runner Thuries listed chase (2m
-4f, soft),
REMITTANCE MAN best Captain Dibble 20/ in a 6runner Newbury chase (2m -4f, good). Earther, 31/4
2nd of 8 to The Fellow in grade I (Ring George VI
Renk Chase at Kempton (2m, good). STAR'S DE-

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE FINAL (Handicap: \$28,840; 3m 17) (32 runners)

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l	801	112112	TRAPPER JOHN 1 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Fenning) M Morris (ins) 8-12-0	
ľ	302	1-07003	BATTALION 11 (V,F,Q,S) (P Green) C Brooks 8-10-12	1
ı			SWEET GLOW 39 (BF,C,F,G) (Felriord Connectioners ) M Pipe 5-10-11 P Niven	1
ı	304	51-3064	GETTER TIMES AHEAD 12 (Q,S) (E Briggs) @ Richards 8-10-11 @ McCourt	ĕ
			SUPER SENSE 11 (0) (Miss N Hughes) J Gifford 7-10-11	
			PRAGADA 18 (B.CD.G.S) (Mrs. M. McGlenn), M. Pige. 8-10-10	- 1
	307	P005-13	MY Y18W 80 (8) (E) (Mrs 8 Purcell) M Purcel (re) 6-10-7	ı
İ	305	0101-12	"PACTOLUS 76 (C.F.G.S) (J. Holman) 8 Christian 9-10-7	8
Ļ	300	110-118	THE WIDGET MAN 53 (BF,C,G,S) (A Boloy) J Gillord 6-10-7 E Murphy	9
ŀ	310	83-509S	HOLY JOE 18 (S) (T Pilington) A J Wison 10-10-2 D Bridgemer (A) 0	1
ı	311	2-23212	MR GOSSIP 32 (E.S) (Lady Seven) N Henderson 10-10-2	
ı	212	0711844	ROYAL SQUARE 11 (QLS) (Airs B Heerse) G Herwood 6-10-1 M Perrett	
ı	313	101292	BART OWEN 71 (B) (Or M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 7-10-1	1
	314	3-24161	LAKE TEEREEN 37 (F,G,S) (Mrs A Granthers) A Ross 7-10-0	ı
ı	315	2/0-0340	DWADME 32 (B,BF,D,F,S) (Olympic NH Racing) O Sherwood 7-10-0 J Osborne	
ı			SPROWSTON BOY 18 (F,G,S) (G Whiting) Mes L Pernett 9-10-0	-
ı	317	30210-P	DETRING VALLEY 123 (D,G,S) (A King) A. Jones 7-10-0	8
ı	318	86/F342	SAYYURE 12 (C,F,6) (B Lovrey) T Thomson Jones 8-10-0 H Device	8
ı	319	311414	SHUIL AR AGHAIDH 39 (G,S) (Aire P Kleiy) P Kleiy (Ire) 5-10-0 K O'Brien	ě
ı	320	20-80P1	JUST AB HOPEFUL, 19 (F,G,S) (M Padfield) D Barona S-10-0	Ė
	321	1-20060	TAMARPOUR 11 (V,F,Q) (Mrs A Ferrent) M Pipe 8-10-0 M Richards	8
	332	2102-01	BLACK SAPPHIRE 39 (G.S) (F Betts Hidge Ltd) M Tompkine 5-10-0 A Maguire	
	372	3400/03	URIZEN 22 (G,S) (K Al-Sald) J Edwards 7-10-0 N Williamson KINGS RANK 16 (B,BF,F,G,S) (D Few) M Pipe 7-10-0 D Retimond (7)	
	394	032-403	KINGS RANK 16 (B,BF,F,Q,S) (D Few) M Pipe 7-10-0 D Pitetmond (7)	
			MUSHTAAG 20 (B,S) (R Hitchcock) F Lennon (re) 8-10-0	
	325	22-1161	CAPABILITY BROWN 12 (F.Q.S) (D Levils) M Pipe 5-10-0 (4ss)	L
	327	· 13F3/41	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 26 (G.S) (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Ratter 6-10-0 M A Pitzgerald (3)	
	324	142430	PETTY BRIDGE 32 (F,G) (C Boueton) A James 8-10-0	7
		11-1204	COSMIC DANCER ST (D Woods) A Hide 5-10-0	7
	350	14-8012	ROSTREAMER 8 (8,8F,G,S) (Miss D Forsyth) G Bravery 9-10-0	3
	381	F/53-P56	EMBORNE LAD 8 (B.G.S) (The Witch Racing Club) G Enright 8-10-0 (4m) R Guest	7

Long handicagt Dwatene 8-12, Sprowston Boy 9-12, Derring Valley 9-12, Sayyure 9-12, Shull Ar Aghaldh 9-12, Lest As Hopeful 9-11, Tamarpour 9-11, Black Sapphire 9-10, Urizen 9-8, Kings Rank 9-8, Mushtsag 9-6, Copability Brown 9-5, Crystal Heights 9-8, Petty Bridge 8-8, Coemic Dencer 8-6, Rostreamer 8-5, Enborne Lad 8-5, Torkaber 8-4. 8-5, Torkaber 2--.

BETTING: 6-1 Holy Joe, 7-1 The Widget Men, 8-1 Better Times Ahead, 9-1 Sprowston Boy, Capel
10-1 Crystal Heights, Pragada, Trapper John, 12-1 Black Sapphire, Sweet Glow, 14-1 others.

1991: DANNY CONNORS 7-10-12 M Dwyer (9-1) J J O'Nelli 29 ran

THUNDERER MANDARIN 2.00 Tipp Down. 2.35 Welsh Bard. 3.10 Garda's Gold. 3.45 Dandy Minstrel. 2.00 Durrington. 2.35 Welsh Bard. 3.10 Al Sahil. 4.20 Old Brig. 4.55 Jailbreaker. 4.55 Viscount Tully.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) 2.00 DANSK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,876: 2m 150yd) (10 runners)

Long handloap: Geolgoir 9-13, Chercoal Burner 9-11, Meriners Love 9-6, Di Moda 8-13.
BETTING: 5-2 Forest Fawn, 3-1 Tipp Down, 9-2 Durrington, 6-1 Jet, 8-1 Famous Lad, 12-1 Cedar Shell, 14-1 Gaelgoir, 16-1 Chercoal Burner, 20-1 Di Mode, Mariners Love.

1991: REPALDO 5-11-10 A Tory (4-1) R Hodges 12 ran 2.35 CARLSBERG SPECIAL BREW NOVICES CHASE (£2,091: 2m 150yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 1-4 Weish Bard, 9-2 Richards Kate, 10-1 Carpo Diem, 20-1 Judys Line, 33-1 Alexa's Boy. 1991: EVENING RAIN 5-10-10 A Tory (18-1) R Hodges 7 ren

3.10 CARLSBERG ELEPHANT BEER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,383; 2m·150yd) (17 runners) 1 4/2-30P0 HARRY LIME 8 (V.D.S) (Exors of B Newton) M Pipe 7-11-12 M Foster (3) 96

ı	2 12422P/	GLENDERRY 655 (P Lewson) R Lee 10-11-4	_
ı	3 0P-0625	GARDA'S GOLD 20 (CD,S) (G.Brown) R Dickin 9-10-9	92
ı	4 BB4PUO	FORCELLO 18 (D,G,S) (B Liewellyn) B Liewellyn 9-10-9 Mr J Liewellyn (7)	92
ı	5 OPSA-SA	AL SAMIL 8 (B) (Mrs E Gittine) J White 7-10-6	98
1	8 099	MUDDY LANE 27 (J Stafford) B Milman 4-10-6. W McFarland	95
1	7 2/8/008	(MPECCABLE TIMING 7 (D.S) (W Robinson) O O'Nell 9-10-4 Y Stattery (5)	85
•	2 0/54P4-9	GUEST PLAYER 14F (B.D.BF) (D Borrows) T Neughton 5-10-1 D Gellagher	
ľ	0 0/347 42	PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 14 (8,0,5) (F Brown) P. Juckes 5-10-0 A Flannigan (7)	90
ļ	40 041000 5	PEGASUS HEIGHTS 34 (T Reed) R Hodges 8-10-0	
ı	10 0/01-00-1	MOSS PEAT 48 (B) (R Frost) R Frost 7-10-0 Mr R Ceries (7)	
ı	11 OPO	HARD TO GET 6 (B,D,G) (M Bernsdough) M Bernsdough 5-10-0 (7ex)	97
Ι.	12 000001	MOON REEF 16 (P M Racing Partnership) C Broad 6-18-0, pursuance T Fuller (7)	-
ı	ואסדיייים או	THE CHAUFFEUR 7 (S) (B M Enterprises Ltd) Miss L Bower 10-10-0 Wartin Jones	
	74 1994777	THE CHAMITECH I (c) to in Engineers List Mass L DONN (II-100 Marin Johns)	
	16 PP/P/	MAYFAIR MOSS 695 (Mrs H Fullerion) Mrs H Fullerion 7-10-0	_
Ι.	JB - HD6-400	FALSE PASSPORT 2 (T Dorse) M Bolton 5-10-0	=
1	17 00-PUPO	PADDY'S LINE 30 (B) (D Tucker) D Tucker 5-10-0 J Neaves (7)	ы
Į į	ong handica	p: Pagasus Heights 9-7, Moss Post 9-5, Hard To Get 9-2, Moon Reef 9-0, The Chauffour 6 9-6, Paise Passport 8-5, Paddy's Line 8-0,	<b>3</b> -11.
l N	leyfek Moes i	6-6, Palse Passport 6-5, Paddy's Line 8-0,	
ie	SETTING: 3-1	Harry Lime, 9-2 Al Sahii, 11-2 Guest Player, 6-1 Garde's Gold, 10-1 Hard To Get, 12-1 Pt	mia-
Ī	eschio Bells.	16-1 Genderry, Muddy Lane, 20-1 others.	

1991; SEDGEWELL ORCHID 6-10-8 E Byrne (20-1) R Holder 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRAPPER JOHN finished 2nd to Nomedic Way in the 17-runner grade I Stayers Hurdle hare (3m 11, good) yesterday, SWEET GLOW beat Secret Four 2ttl in a 6-runner handlesp lene (good) with DWADME (6b better off) 2 in a 7-runner handlesp here (good) with DWADME (6b better off) 12 in a 97-runner handlesp here (good) with DWADME (6b better off) 12 in a 97-runner handlesp here (good) with ROYAL-SOLIARE (5b better off) 5 4th and JUST AS HOPEFUL 16 6b. THE WIDGET MAN 1/21 dot 8 to Weishtman in a Kempton handlesp hurdle (2m 41, good to firm)

with SAYYURE (Sto batter off) 101 3rd and LAKE TERRIER 8 8th. MOLY JOE 10141 3rd of 6 to Forest San in the Randleshen Hurdie at Kempton (3m. good to firm) with PRAGADA taited off 5th. MR (GOSSIP neck, 2nd of 12 to Legar Beagle in a Newbury handicap hurdie (3m 100yd, good) with SAYYURE (2b better off) 54th. TAMARPOUR (2b better off) 24th TAMARPOUR (2b better off) 24th 6th. DWADME Sith and JUST AS HOPEFUL pulsed up. SPROWSTON BOY best Thamassdown Toolale 24th in a 10-runner Danceater handicap hurdis (3m 110yd, good to firm). Selection: THE WIDGET MAN

4.05 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE (Grade I: £43,507; 3m) (19 runners) BBC2 401 1U1111 BRADBURY STAR 39 (C.F.Q.S) (J Campbell) J Gilford 7-11-4. D Murphy 90 402 0-12122 CAPTAIN DIBBLE 32 (D.F.Q.S) (J Campbell) J Gilford 7-11-4. C Liewellyn 80 403 U2UP22 FOREVER ASTON 19 (J Festiverstone) G Moore 7-11-4. J Callaghan 60 404 F-81111 GENERAL IDEA 39 (G.S) (Dr M Smurlth) D Weld (Iro) 7-11-4. B Sheridan 89 405 1F1F41 GRAND HABIT 48 (D.S.S) (E Start) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Thiey 77 408 441-212 KING'S CURATE 46 (D.S.) (E Start) M Pipe 8-11-4. P Scudemore 97 408 4P11PB MISTER TICKLE 6 (D.S.) (F Start) M Pipe 8-11-4. P Scudemore 97 408 4P11PB MISTER TICKLE 6 (D.F.Q.S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-4. R Durecody 96 525-112 MUTARE 50 (BF.D.Q.S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-4. R Durecody 97 411 122140 PAGIFIC SQUIND 21 (G.S.) (C Mock) C Groots 7-11-4. A Magulin 41 122-40 PAGIFIC SQUIND 21 (G.S.) (C Mock) C Groots 7-11-4. G Brackey 71 444 44F-112 RDUGH QUEST 21 (G) (A Wates) T Etherington 8-11-4. G Brackey 84 444 44F-112 RDUGH QUEST 21 (G) (A Wates) T Etherington 8-11-4. J Frost 84 445 3-41111 RUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 84 5-41111 RUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 55 412 MUTARE 97 414 445 3-41111 RUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 114 MUN FOR FREE 12 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs M Freetty) M Pipe 8-11-4. J Frost 85 80 55 1 416 02FP63 TRUELY ROYAL 14 (Peerson) J Cheriton B-11-4. B Storey
417 424294 WELSH OOMAANDER 7 (F.5) (J. Judo) T Etherington 9-11-4. Richards
418 1-3F11 CALL ME LATER 18 (G.S) (P Culigan) P Flynn (re) 8-10-13. K O'Shlen
419 11-1111 SPRINGALEAK 21 (D,F.G.S) (Mrs B Samuel) O Sherwood 7-10-13. J Osborne BETTING: 7-2 Milmehoms, 5-1 General Idea, 6-1 Mutars, 7-1 Bradbury Star, 8-1 Springaleak, 14-1 Call Me Later, Grand Habil, Run For Free, Rough Quest, 20-1 others. 1991: ROLLING BALL 8-11-4 P Scudemore (7-8 bs/) M Pipe 80 ren

BRADBURY STAR beat Carbiadale 5f in the 9 runner grade I Solly lake Novice Chase at Sandown (2m 4f 89yd, good to firm). GENERAL IDEA beat Second Schedual 10f in a 8-runner chase at Leopardstown (2m 3f, good to yielding). GRAND HABIT beat New MB House 6 in a 16-runner handcap chase at Gowran Park (3m 2f 110yd, good). MIN-DRING BRINGALEAK beat ROUGH NNEHOMA beat MUTARE (3b better off) 3/9/1 in 2 - runner Punchéstown chase (2m 15-runner novice chase at Chepstow (3m, good). MIN-DRINGALEAK beat ROUGH (3m 11, soft) with PACIFIC SOUND 30 5/h. Selection: MINNEHOMA (nap)

4.40 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP

N.	HELDUIS.	C10,010: 411/(24 10111010)	
1		BELMOUNT CAPTAIN 21 (C.G.S) (R Levels) B Baiting 7-12-7	
		HIGH PEAK 10 (G,S) (J McManus) E O'Grady (ha) 8-12-7 Person	
3		KEEP TALKING 19 (F,G) (H Joel) T Thomson Jones 7-12-7	
H		THE FORTIES 15 (F,G) (Alun Merritt AFM Hidgs) T Bill 7-12-7	
6	230331	BISHOP'S STAFF 18 (S) (Mrs D Thompson) M O'Toole (he) 7-12-4 P Dempsey 9	
5	20-41	900M TIME 35 (G) (V Berclay) N Henderson 7-12-4	
7	010P06	CLOSUTTON EXPRESS 14 (8 Doyle) W Midling (re) 6-12-4	•
8	335U31	JUST MOSS 41 (G) (C Poore) R Rowe 6-12-4	
8	P-P1322	MASTER CORNET 5 (G) (R Bethell) B Rothwell 7-12-4	
Ö	20-6103	MR VERGETTE 32 (F) (Was M Regers) D Nicholson 8-12-4	
		OFF THE BRU 19 (G) (Mrs S Brechume) Mrs S Brechume 7-12-4 J Brachume	
2		CAPTAIN FRISK 11 (C Services Ltd (C S Group)) K Balley 9-12-0 T Mitchell	
		HERE COMES CHARTER 56 (Charter Racing Ltd) M Ploe 7-12-0 F Monnier	
		JURANSTAN 22 (B) (Arrow Valley Transport) C Toelline 7-120 J A Berry	
		MR PANTONIME 27 (Mrs R Luard) N Tenston-Device 7-12-0	
		PROGRESSIVE 11 (D Kemp-Gee) Mrs S Williams 13-12-0 Miss L Blackford	
		PRY'S-JOY 16 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-12-0 8 Murphy	
		TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 55 (Avaion Surjacing Ltd) A Burger 7-12-0 H Rowsell	
		WOODLANDS GENHIRE 14 (Miss M Prescs) P Princhard 7-12-0 appears of Princhard	į
ä		YUKON QUEST 27 (Mrs. 5 Nelti) C Holmes 9-120	
		LARKSMORE 32 (F) (Miss D Baker) Miss D Baker 7-11-13 8 Baker	i
_		CAROUSEL CROSSETT 22 (E Caine) E Caine 11-11-9 R Hale	
É	uedillice.		
ě		DEEP BRAMBLE (J Morragh) M Hourigan 5-11-5	
		EXTRA MILE 11 (T Lennon) A Mulina (ine) 5-11-0	
1	TING: 41	Keep Telking, 5-1 High Peek, Bishop's Staff, 13-2 Belmount Captain, 7-1 Captain Prick, 8	į

BETTING: 4-1 Keep Telking, 5-1 High result, smertly a steel, 10-2. Here Comes Charter, 12-1 The Porties, 14-1 Mr Vergette, 25-1 others. 1991; SMOOTH ESCORT 7-12-0 Mr A Martin (7-1) Mrs D Haine 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELMOUNT CAPTAIN best Bol Course Si in a 10runner nov chase here (3m 11, good) with THE FORTIES 201 4th, JURANSTAN pulled up. HIGH PEAK
DOP'S STAFF best Zuto's Lad a head in a 14-runner fluinted to tyleiding). KEEP TALKING best
(3m 11, good to yielding). KEEP TALKING best
(6m 8 good to firm). THE FORTIES best Just 80 44

In a 15-runner Tsumton handicap (4m 21, good to firm) with TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 2SI 4th. BISHDOP'S STAFF best Zuto's Lad a head in a 14-runner punchesson handicap chase (3m 21 100-0), good to firm). THE FORTIES best Just 80 44

5.15 MILDWAY OF FLETE CHALLENGE CUP

(He	(Hendicep chase: 221,785: 2m 4f) (20 runners)				
801		RUST NEVER SLEEPS 15 (D,G,S) (D Murphy) A Leaby (Inc) 8-11-10 G O'Nelli			
602	F-21284	ANOTHER CORAL 32 (SF,CD,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 9-11-7. R Dunwoody			
808	111212	BIRRAH JAY 19 (BF.D.F.Q.S) (J Gele) G Belding 12-11-4 A Meguire			
804	1/22321	BLFAST 26 (CD.F.G.S) (J Webber) J Webber 9-11-0 M Lynch 1			
805	482PP4	NOS NA GAO(THE 21 (B,G,S) (P Green) N H Essterby 9-11-0			
808	513243	IDA'S DELICHT 26 (BF.D.F.G.B) (J Chariton) J Chariton 19-10-18			
807	236131	SWORD BEACH 18 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Meson) M H Easterby 8-10-9 L Wyer			
808	<b>82054U</b>	NEW HALEN 32 (CD.F.G.E) (Mrs 5 Styler) A James 11-10-7			
609	121258	CATCH THE CROSS 18 (V,D,F,G,S) (D Beswick) M Pipe 8-10-5			
810	F-83U1F	KING OF THE LOT 18 (BF,D,G,S) (Me) R Yule) D Nicholson 9-10-6 G McCourt			
611	2-F2P18	HOWE STREET 25 (F.G.S) (W Blesk) J Johnson 9-10-2			
812	12-0745	ARDBRIN 58 (BF,D,F,S,S), (Mrs M Stewart-Brown) T Tate 9-10-2			
613	25/25	FARMLEA BOY 13 (D.F.G.B) (R Leville) G. Beking 12-10-1			
814	992251	SEA BELAND 14 (D.G.S) (R Werren) M Pipe 8-10-0			
615	1233U3	MONUMENTAL LAD 28 (87,0,6,5) (T Perrott) Mrs H Perrott 9-10-0, D Leany (7)			
816	PP3466	ICTTINGER 11 (D,F,Q.S) (J Lamminus) A Tymel 11-10-0 J Lewrence			
817	251122	MAPLE DANCER 30 (BJF,G,S) (Or I Shenkin) D Sherwood 6-19-0 J Osborne			
618		WESTERN COUNTIES 32 (D.F.B.S) (Mrs. A. Smith) R Holder 12-10-0 B Cifford (8)			
618		SIBTON ABBEY 22 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-10-0			
-11	813554	DERRYMORE BOY 25 (BF.Q.S) (G Pasquill) J Filton-Heyes 10-10-0 M A Fitzgerald (8)			
Low	n kandina	ny San Jaland S.12. Manusmental Lad S.11. Xittingar S.S. Mapie Danger S.S. Western Counti-			

BETTING: 11-2 Strain Jay, 8-1 Swort Beach, See Island, 8-1 Ettert, 10-1 Another Coral, Ida's Delight, 12-1 Rust Never Seeps, Nos Na Gaolithe, 14-1 King Of The Lot, 18-1 Western Counties, 25-1 others. 1991: FOYLE FISHERMAN 12-11-0 E Murphy (33-1) J Gifford 15 mm

FORM FOCUS ANOTHER COPAL 8t 2nd of 8 to Kings Fountain in handicap chase here (2m 4f, good to firm) with IDA'S DELIGHT (8b better off) 83 and snd MCS NA GAOTHE putted up. Earlier best Torantiet 9th in 15 summer handicap chase here (good) with SWORD BEACH (11b) better off) 151 3nd, IDA'S DELIGHT. IN 18th and NEW HALEN tested off. SIRRAH JAY 1/bt 2nd of 6 to Worthy Knight in a Kempton handicap chase (2m, good) with HOWE STREET (11b better off) 18th and NEW HALEN tested off. SIRRAH JAY 1/bt 2nd of 6 to Worthy Knight in a Kempton handicap chase (2m, good) with HOWE STREET (11b better off) 18th seed in an 8-numer Workerhampton handicap chase (2m, good) with HOWE STREET (11b better off) 18th seed in an 8-numer Workerhampton handicap chase (2m, good) with HOWE STREET (11b better off) 18th seed 
**FESTIVAL COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS** TRAINERS Winners Runners Per cent

3.45 CARLSBERG DISTRIBUTORS HANDICAP CHASE

130-542	BONSAI BUD 23 (D,BF,G) (P De Wilde) D Marray Smith 9-12-0	84
	MISTER CHRISTIAN 8 (B,CD,G,S) (R Stevens) P Nicholis 11-12-0 P Hughes (7)	94 98
PP-OPP	ABBA LAD 28 (D.G.S) (Mrs A Taylor) J Bosley 10-10-10	
232/56-	A BOY NAMED SIDUX 429 (CD.F.G.S) (S Stevens) S Sievens 12-10-8 C Mande	81
-2552P	MORGANS HARBOUR 14 (P Owen) K Burke 6-10-6 R Supple	90
33UP44	PADDY BUCK 4 (F,S) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 12-10-6 DOUBTFUL	82
5-43FP	GRANNY PRAY ON 14 (S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) G Balding 10-10-4 S Hodgson	85
1043-60	FRIENDLY HENRY 12 (B,S) (J Fox) J Fox 12-10-2	84
104UU3	DANDY MINSTREL 7 (6,F,G,S) (Windrush Racing) E Wheeler 8-10-0	99
U-1940	BRIEF ENCOUNTER 9 (G) (C Lewis) P Nicholia 8-10-0 N Many	14
	COMRA 7 (D,G,S) (D Reher) G Ham 13-10-0	94
handica	p: Dandy Minstrel 9-13, Brief Encounter 9-9, Conva 9-8.	
NG: 94	Bonsai Bud, 11-4 Mieter Christian, 4-1 Dandy Minstrel, 7-1 Brief Encounter, 10-1 Morga	m

1991: QAY MOORE 10-10-8 J White (15-8 fav) M Robinson 7 ram

4.20 CARLSBERG PILSNER NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,404: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

BETTING: 5-4 Old Brig, 7-2 Mistress McKenzie, 11-2 Nows Your Chance, 8-1 Why Run, 12-1 Tufoli, 16-1 Hushup, Daves Delight, 20-1 others.

1991: GEORGE BUCKINGHAM 6-11-2 M A FitzGerald (5-4 tav) G Ham 14 ran

4.55 CARLSBERG EXPORT HANDICAP HURDLE

501: 211: 31 1 10/0/ (12 141:10-14)	
32P/00 DAIRA FORT 53 (Olympic National Hunt Racing) K Balley 6-12-0	_
1-42154 JAILBREAKER 37 (CD,G) (P Tosh) 8 Milman 5-120 W McFarland	
ATEND S MONE SO WISE 12 (G.S) (R Scorgle) N Mitchell 6-11-5	- 7
ROOK-OF DUNAVARRA MILL 18 (V.S) (F De Wilde) D Murray Smith 6-11-3	
ABECLIDO KITCHI KOO 28 (8) MIS M WISON A J WIISON 8-11-0	•
ALACHSIN BALLYANTO 28 (S) (J) CRUID R MOIGH 7-10-10	- 2
945AGA MR OPTIMIST 14 ISI (MBS I WING) MBS I WAGE 11-10-9	:
AGREED GRANTIKER TABLE 113 (P.US) (LEW) A PRICERT W WILDOWS GLICUK	- 5
ADDITION VERCENIANT TULLLY IS (5) I FURNI SECURIDES S.A.I. C. JACKERA 7.10.6 V. A.L	_;
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DDQ430)   All Lame 20 (1) Fi Walks   C Football 8-1047	3
F3FFF3 VOMERO 16 (M Disney) P Nichols 7-10-0	-
hendicap: Lad Lane 9-13, Vernero 9-5.	3

Long handicap: Lad Lane 9-13, Vomero 3-9.
BETTING: 9-4 Viscount Tufy, 7-2 Jaibreaker, 5-1 Ballyante, 6-1 Dairs Fort, 8-1 Shooker Table, 10-1 M Optimist, 14-1 None So Wise, 16-1 Duckneven, 20-1 others. 1991: SILKS DOMINO 6-10-11 V Stattery (9-2) O O'Nell 18 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS

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TRAINERS K Bailey M Pipe C Brooks R Holder J Bosley G Ham	Winners 6 123 5 17 4 11	Runners 20 340 23 96 23 71	Per cent 40.0 36.2 21.7 17.7 17.4 15.5	JOCKEYS S Hodgeon N Mann C Smith M Bosley M Foster D Tegg	Wanners 3 8 3 4 4 6	Fildes 11 37 14 29 30 49	Per cent 27.3 21.6 21.4 13.8 18.3 12.2

# South Africa relish meeting their oldest allies



CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN MELDOURNI

HISTORY is in the making every time South Africa's cricketers step on to the field in the World Cup. Soon, the unimaginable will seem commonplace - unless, that is, the unthinkable happens next Tuesday and a negative referendum vote plunges South Africa back

into the wilderness of sport. It is a prospect that rests heavily with every member of the South African party, a fear that their first important cricketing event will also be their last. For this reason, above all others, each game they play is precious to them, few more strikingly so than the day-

For better or worse, England have been South Africa's closest and most loyal cricketing allies. Of the 172 Test matches played by South Africa before isolation, 102 were against England. The D'Oliveira affair of 1968 and the cancelled tour of two years later erected solid barriers between the countries, but hardly a year has passed without someone within English cricket wanting to knock

Now that it has happened, in the only acceptable fashion, the English game has cheered louder than any. If England have not yet joined the almost unseemly queue beating at South Africa's

night fixture with England door, lingering political tomorrow.

door, lingering political scruples buried by the lure of the rand, there will still be a sense of restored tradition about tomorrow's game. even if it will be appreciated more by some of the VIP spectators than by the play-

> Nothing demonstrates the lost years more graphically than that six of South Africa's likely eleven tomorrow were not even born when their country last played England in 1965.

ers themselves.

That series, its poignancy apart, is chiefly remembered for Graeme Pollock's thunderous century at Trent Bridge. But the South African captain that year was Peter van der Merwe and his influence remains. It was he, in his present guise as chairman of selectors, who now won three games in suc-launched this World Cup cession and victory tomorcampaign in sensational style by discarding Rice. Cook and, initially, Kirsten. Cook is at home with his thoughts, but Rice is making

little effort to disguise his, in between commentary stints for Channel 9. As for Kirsten, his reprieve, apparently secured by the persistence of the new captain, Wessels, has been so emphatically vindicated that the original thinking looks ever more misguided.

Kirsten was the leading scorer in the tournament at its midway point and, hav-ing missed the victory over Pakistan on Sunday with a calf strain, he returned to help dispose of Zimbabwe yesterday. South Africa have row would make them semifinalists. Without Kirsten. such a prize would have been beyond them.

It may yet clude them, for the pack is snapping at their heels and their inexperience of such pressures could be crippling. But other batsmen have begun to feed off Kirsten's confidence and, if they can at last add 30 extra runs to their too modest par of 200, England will not win

this one at cruising speed. South Africa have been winning on the unexpected quality of their bowling. Donald we knew about, but Snell, McMillan and Pringle have surprised. They have not, however, been uniformly disciplined and Wessels

may self-destruct if they continue to bowl so many extra balls. In their last two games alone, they have bowled no fewer than 30 wides.

"As soon as it swings, we have a problem," Wessels said. The white ball seems to swing much more in Australia than in New Zealand and this is something we must work out because it is just unacceptable to give away so much."

No team has fielded better than England, but South Africa run them close. Not the least appetising aspect of tomorrow's game will be the spectacle of Lewis. Fairbrother and Hick on one side, Rhodes and Cronje on

England are near enough

to a semi-final place to take no chances on their wounded, and the team manager. Micky Stewart, made it plain yesterday that Lamb and Gooch are most unlikely

to be considered. It is out of the question for Graham." he said, "and to my mind, there is no way Lamb can play either. He

thinks he can recover from a

broken leg in 24 hours, but

we know different." Lamb did have a gentle net against some slow bowlers yesterday and is understandably keen to play against his native country. It will, however, be left to Smith and Hick to experience the mixed emotions of opposing a team of which, in other circumstances, they would have been a part.

India indulge in a form of self-destruction

# West Indies make heavy weather of five-wicket win

IN WELLINGTON

WEST Indies beat India deservedly in the World Cup here yesterday, but there were times when it seemed unlikely that they would. They won eventually by five wickets after bowling India out for 197, a good many fewer than seemed likely halfway

through the Indian innings. Had West Indies lost, they could not have finished with more than eight points from their qualifying matches, and it is beginning to look as though that will be too few for place in the semi-finals. Their showdown with Australia in Melbourne on Wednesday next week could now be crucial for both sides.

India, for their part, have left themselves needing to win their last two matches, against New Zealand and South Africa, if they are to have any chance of preventing their compatriots at home from contemplating the end of the world. This, for most of them, is what failing to reach the last four of the World Cup

would amount to.

As is so easily done, but which England, significantly, are not doing at the moment, India kept over-reaching batting well. It is a form of self-destruction. This is sad, because they are potentially the most attractive batting side in the competition. West Indies looked like doing the same when they plummeted from 50 for no wicket after six

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Total (5 wids, 40.8 overs) \_\_\_\_\_\_ 195 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-81, 3-88, 4-96, 5-112

to Williams, C. E. L. Ambrose, A. C. Curmins, W.K. M. Benjamin did not bat. BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-4-5-1; Probintier 9-0-55-1; Reju 10-2-32-1; Srineth 9-3-23-2; Tendution 3-0-20-0; Srijekenth 1-0-7-0; Jadeja 0.3-0-5-0. Men of the metch: A C Cummins.
Umpines: B G Randell (Austrelia) and 8 J
Woodward (New Zeeland).

but they were agitating about the weather at the time, and in Arthurton and Hooper they found two to take mat-

West Indies could be pleased with the way they bowled. They left Marshall out of their side, surprisingly, and got nine overs and some swashbuckling blows out of Simmons, his replacement. Ambrose made short work of Tendulkar, and Cummins, a lithe Barbadian, did a good job. Not only at 100 for one in the 26th over but also at 165

Make or break for Pakistan

Azharuddin and Manjrekar having already added 50, In-

But except for Tendulkar they all promoted, to some extent, their own dismissal: Srikkanth went to a full toss; Jadeja (a great-nephew of the great K. S. Duleepsinhji) took too little trouble with a half volley; Azharuddin forced a long hop to deep long-off; Manirekar was run out going for a quick single, and Kapil Dev attempted too early a flourish. In their last 20 overs, on a good pitch, India lost eight wickets for 95 runs.

With rain threatening, West Indies, Lara particularly, started with a great salvo of strokes. When play was held up at the end of the eleventh over, for 20 minutes, they were 76 for one. Their reward for this was to have their target made harder - 195 off 46 overs rather than 198 off 50 — to which they reacted with needless but typical

Tendulkar held a brilliant catch at mid-off, off an enormously high hit, in spite of being hampered by Amre; Richardson was out hooking, and if Arthurton or Hooper had got out cheaply India would probably have won.

In 21 innings in Australia and New Zealand this winter Richardson, as West Indies' captain, has got into the thirties only four times; but he was pleased with the way his team had keyed themselves up for what they knew to be an important match, and it was good to see him smiling again when they won it.



Cutting edge: Wessels, the South African anchorman, finds the boundary

Melbourne of March 25.

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start the game.

#### Wessels digs in to keep South Africa on course

FROM PETER ROSBUCK IN CANBERRA

JUST for a second, Zimba-bwe had a chance. Having scored 163 on a grudging pitch at tree-lined Manuka Oval, the roundest ground in Australia (and, appropriately, David Shepherd was umpiring), they had taken an early wicket when Andrew Hudson was bowled by the amiable inswing of Malcolm Jarvis.

Nerves were South Africa's chief poison and Kepler Wessels's calm their chief antidote. Wessels had made 16 in the style of a grim reaper and was protecting a green middle order, in dress and experience, with his distinctive ferocity of will. He appeared certain to guide his team to a third victory; then he hooked Burmester's gentle long hop and edged it to

Duers at fine leg.
Running in, he spilled the catch and Zimbabwe's hopes drooped. Hereafter Wessels, as crabby as ever, as oblique to the ball as he is to the world, punched, glided and guided his way to 70 and, partnered by Kirsten, who batted as if he were topping eggs for an unbeaten 62, took South Africa to a mirthless

victory. Wessels lost his wicket only when the game was secure, and he went in search of a swift conclusion to boost South Africa's average.

Zimbabwe bowled capably, especially their military medibut their chance had gone and though Kulper also fell, to a diving catch at mid-off for seven, it was too little and

Probably Zimbabwe did not score enough runs anyhow. Their batting, after los-ing the toss, was handicapped by the early retirement of Flower, a fine player whose fingers had been rapped as he tried to cut a lifter from Donald after he

had scored six. He returned to add another 13 runs before being caught behind off Cronje, enough to make him second-highest

scorer with 19. Brandes bettered his total by one. Further wickets fell to negligence rather than inadequacy, Waller and Houghton lifting simple catches to deep mid-wicket in the space of a few minutes against the tempting spin of Kirsten.

#### SCOREBOARD

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SIO NO. 04. BOWLING: Brandes 9 1-0-39-1; Jarves 9-2-23-1; Burmester 5-0-20-0; Shah 8-2-33-1, Dears 8-1-19-0; Traicos 6-0-26-0. Men et the match: F N Kinsten.

Umpires: S N Bucknor (West Indies) and D R Shepherd (England). Hard as they tried, Zimba-

bwe could not recover and were worn down as the South African pace attack gave little away. Wessels's men also fielded sharply, especially Rhodes, the Colin Bland of his era.

Had Zimbabwe scored 210 or so, South African nerves might have twanged. As it was, helped by that critical dropped catch, they cantered to victory, even though Zimbabwe threw themselves around in the field, none more so than the wily and etne Traicos.

South Africa appear confident of reaching the semifinals; they may not be one of the best four teams, but they are certainly one of the most determined.

# **Politics out**

for match
Camberra: Advertising hoardings arguing the two sides of next week's South African reform referendum were banned from yesterday's match between South Africa and Zimbabwe here.

Permission for a sign promoting a "yes" vote in the March 17 referendum was withdrawn after organisers faced demands for equal space from supporters of the "no" case. The South Africa-Zimbabwe match was televised live to the republic.

#### ment when it might not matter," he said. He and Ramiz have shoulder injuries and

ing champions, face Pakistan in a World Cup match at the WACA Ground here today which neither team can afford to lose. Defeat for Pakistan would end their hopes of reaching the semi-finals. Another reverse for the Australians would leave them with only a slim hope of reaching the knockout stage. The teams seem convinced

that all was not lost. "Both can produce great perfor-

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mances," the Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, said, adding that he, Javed Miandad and Ramiz Raia hoped to defy various ailments and take the field. "There is no use being fit later in the tourna-Miandad has a virus.

Alian Border, the Australian captain, said he was considering dropping the off spinner, Peter Taylor, and

including either Merv Hughes or Bruce Reid because of the bounce expected in the pitch. Border, who refused to give

television interviews after the team practice, said his main worry was that Pakistan would finally play to their potential. They could be well equipped for this pitch. Wasim Akram is a superb bowler and Aqib Javed is a more than useful back-up," he said. (Agencies)

# ATHLETICS

# Hot prospects in US team

SOMETIMES a sweet wrapper can disguise its contents and yesterday's release of the United States team to meet Britain in the Vauxhall in-door international in Birmingham on Saturday was like the first sighting of the mint with the hole.

The label had been inviting and all but 200 of the 8,000 seats had been sold. But when the sweet was seen there was a hole as big as Carl Lewis, Leroy Burrell, Andre Cason and Mike Powell. The minty bit is full of people like Aaron Thigpen.

This is not to say that, just because there is no big name in the US team, the match will not be worth watching. It will. The Polo survived for years without a rich centre; athletics against the US has done the same. Thigpen may not have a reputation but he can start by beating Linford Christie and Jason Livingston over 60 metres on Saturday. And he might just be good

Thigpen was second to

hind, in the US championships two weeks ago, running 6.56sec. Livingston, Christie's successor as European champion, has clocked 6.51 this season and the old lion himself 6.55 in his first race of the season on Sunday. For those who skip the

small print of athletics magazines, most of the names will come as new. But they are athletes deserving our interest. Willie Caldwell (400 metres). Ron Backes (shot), Dyan Webber (200 metres) and Angie Bradburn (high jump) are the newly installed US champions. Another dozen who are Birmingham bound took medals.

All the huminaries are British: Liz McColgan, Matthew Yates, Colin Jackson, Dalton Grant, Christie and Livingston. But it is an indication of US strength that Andy Norman, Britain's promotions officer, said: "We have an excellent competition. It is going to be very tough."

It must not be overlooked, either, that, McColgan, Burrell, only a hundredth be Christie and Jackson apart.

Britain has its very best missing as well. "It is not a super league, it's a Sheffield Wednesday or Everton," Norman said, referring to the US team's quality. He tried to buy a Liverpool by offering the US governing body money to finance its leading athletes, but was refused. No bad thing. To some, a

champions. CRAMPIONS.
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# Cooper to answer charge

SHANE Cooper, the St Hel-ens captain, has been asked France have made three changes, one of them positional, from the side beaten 36-0 by Great Britain at Hull last Saturday for their interalleged ball-swapping inci-dent in the Challenge Cup tie national against Wales at Swansea on March 22. at Widnes last month. The Christophe Grandjean wins his first cap in the second row and Bernard Llong moves up to prop to make way for him. kicked the ball into touch from a penalty. The ball was Pierre Alliers is dropped from the front row. Philippe retrieved, but in the mean-Chiron is recalled on the right wing in place of Claude Sirvent.

Two changes have been made in the Great Britain Under-21 squad of 19 for the return match against France at Albi, near Toulouse, on March 20. Jason Donohue, of Leigh, and Barrie-Jon Mather, of Wigan, lose their places to the young senior internationals Gary Connolly, of St Helens, and Steve McNamara, Hull

Dononhue and Mather both made their first under-21 appearances as substitues during Britain's 56-2 victory over France in Halifax last Friday. Connolly, a centre,

has made several appearances for Britain at senior level, while McNamara, the Hull forward, made his international debut as substitute in Saturday's drubbing of France at his home ground.

"It's all part of a continuing international education for these lads," the under-21 team spokesman. David Howes, said yesterday. "With Mal Reilly (the coach to se-nior British international team] due to name his 30man squad next month for the summer tour of Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand, this is the last international chance for the likes of Connolly, McNamara, David Myers, Paul Newlove and Phil Clarke to

SOLIAD: Backs: G Connoby (St Halens), G Hales (Hull Kingston Rowers). T Martyn (Oldham), D Mycoe (Sheffield), D Myers (Wigan), P Newtove (Fastherstone Hovers), A O'Dovinel (Wigan), M Passson (Fastherstone Rowers), F Pickskey (Shefield Eagles), M Rilley (St Halens), Fortstratist Piones (Fastherstone Rowers), D Busby (Hull), P Contraction Rowers), D Busby (Hull), P Contraction Rowers), McKismars (Hull), R Stater (Wideled), G Southernwood (Castelors), P Sutner (Wastneson).

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# Win for Olazábal would give him share of a record

FROM MELWEBB IN GIRONA

IT IS all very well laying on an early start to the PGA European Tour for those who earn their modest, and very often immodest, corn by swinging elegantly around the fairways of Europe and

But when four of the first six tournaments of the season have been shared by two men who stopped worrying about where the next bowl of paella was coming from some years ago, it might just have caused the odd mutinous mutter from the ranks.

Being professional golfers and therefore sound and responsible types, they will not rise in a baying mob and storm the clubhouse steps. But they must wonder at times why Severiano Ballesteros and/or José-Maria Olazabal do not do the decent thing a touch more often, take a week off to wash their hair or something and leave the grey squirrels to forage for the acorns.

The record book shows that the second tournament of the season, then won again in Majorca last week. The good .

news for his opponents is that he is not at the Mas Nou course, beautifully manicured and spectacularly perched up a mountain near here, to play in the Catalan Open, which starts today. The had news is that Olazabal is.

Olazabal has won his last two tournaments, the Tenernean Open. In going for his third victory in as many appearances, he will he attempting to do what only two men have done in the modern era. Nick Faldo won three on the trot in 1983, and Ballesteros

himself did the trick in 1986, Olazabal is being properly cagey about winning the £50,000 first prize, but there is no denying that he is the one to beat in the next four days. He won this tournament by six strokes last year, and although it is being played on a different course this time. Olazabal has still got his hands on the trophy, and he will not surrender it

He is on a slow burn and aiming for an April date with the Masters, in which he finished only a stroke behind

Woosnam last year. He has overtaken Faldo in the world rankings and is now second. behind Woosnam.

"I'm making no predic-tions for the Masters or this tournament. It's too early to say what will happen," he

"All I can say is that I feel confident with my game in general, although this is a tricky course which does not offer much space to aim for from the tee. The greens are grainy and difficult to read." This will be his last European outing before he flies to the

United States to begin his build-up for Augusta.

I Ray Floyd completed a glo-rious weekend for the overforties when he won the Doral Open in Miami. After Tom Watson's success in the Hong Kong Open, Floyd, aged 49, became the oldest player to win on the US PGA Tour since Art Wall in 1975. He and Sam Snead are the only players to win in four de-cades. "I think what it's all about is living in the present. Age is just a number," said Floyd, who is in his thirtieth

YACHTING

# Blake to pursue bowsprit ruling

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DISGO

TWO important rules issues at the America's Cup regatta off San Diego, over the use of a bowsprit for gybing gennakers and the jettlsoning of damaged sails, remain on

Although New Zealand has ceased using its bowsprit to conform with a ruling by the international jury for the America's Cup match, and her skipper, Rod Davis, said that he was happy to sail by Vuitton Cup elimination series for the challengers, the Kiwi management has not set

aside the issue. Peter Blake, the syndicate manager, said: "New Zealand has agreed to race [the] mund robin three using adapted gybing procedures. But we still believe that the match-jury's decision contains serious anomalies and we have an obligation to pursue it because of the ramifica-

The New Zealand crew, during their defeat by Ville de Paris (Marc Pajot, France) on the second day, fumbled one critical gybe, when Ville

A new rule is being written for the regatta, to override the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) rules, so that redress can be given to a yacht which runs into a sail jettisoned from another

yacht.

Help nay also be given to
the Swedish team to open
their protest feathing requestadjustments or points adjustment - for an incident on the first day of this round. Leading Tre Kronor by 12 seconds, the Spanish crew of Esparia '92 mishandled a spinnaker, which they cut

directly in Tre Kronor's path and stopped the yacht dead in the water. The Spanish boat sailed away to an 4min 39sec

de Paris gained the lead on the first run:

The sail fell into the water

IYRU rules to cover the

situation.

The jury dismissed the rethest claim because it saidthere was nothing in the

Bowls

## **Darlington** pair take semi-final

GWEN Summers and Vera Branson, of Darlington, reached the final of the English women's indoor pairs championship with an 18-14 win over Vi Walker and Sheia O'Connell, of Exonia, at Stevenage yesterday.

They play Eileen Vigor and Theima Barton, of Croydon, whose semi-final opponents Wendy Line and Enidconcede. Fairhall slipped and fell on Monday night, injur-ing her back and a hand. She hopes to be able to play for her club in the Yetton Trophy on Saturday. Exonia, 1-7 down after five ends, won the next five to take the lead 10-7. but Darlington outscored

PRESULTS: Pairus Seroi-finaise Derington (G Surrevers and V Brantson) 18, Exonis (V Wellier and S O'Connell) 14; Croydon (E Yoper and T Berton), we Athering (W Line and E Feinhall, ser. Champion of Charo-pione: Caurier-finaise; J Byton (Textury) 21, il Reprottin (West Berton) 5; L Woodley (Derborough, Intellecturinais) 21, 3 Meanthey (North Carle) 18; L James (Cembridge Chesterfon) 21, A Hallett (Derchaster) 8; W State (Homaly) 21, E Seesel (Yourin) 8. Sand-finaise James 21, State 10.

By GORDON ALLAN

them after that.



# Hall possesses stamina to overcome handicap

BY RICHARD EATON

PROBABLY only one English singles player has the capacity to live with the of the Asians at the world's best known tournament, the Yonex All-England championships, which start at Wembley today. This is Darren Hall, a man good enough to win the European title four years ago, to lead England to the finals of the Thomas Cup last month, but whose fleetfooted successes and unexpected losses come with such proximity that a graph

of his progress might look like a stretched concertina. The Chinese and Indonesians are even keener to do well this year because the All-England is only six weeks from the cut-off date for qualifying (according to world rankings) for the

Olympic Games in Barcelona. where badminton makes its debut. The English are as leen to dispel the notion that European decline is permanent. Hall has a likely second

the world No. 12 from In-donesia, whom he beat at Wembley last year. It would be a timely tonic if he could repeat it. But can he? This question mark is emphasised by Hall's mys-

tery ailment, which causes him to be sick at unpredict-able moments, from first thing in the morning to be-fore a match. It has handicapped him all season and no successful physical diag-

nosis has been made.
"It seems to be breathing related," his coaching cousin, Ray Stevens, said. "But it is true he does have an lot on his plate just at the mo-ment." In the next few months Hall faces the Al-England, the Europeans, the Thomas Cup finals and the Olympics, and his wed-

manager, Steve Baddeley, is sure Hall is tough enough to overcome it. "He was physically ill before winning the Scottish Open. The fact that Darren has the problem, but is still coping with it shows he has mental strengths," Baddeley said.

British hopes of substantial progress at Wembley were improved markedly by yesterday's unexpected withdrawal, through injury, of the two leading Swedes, Christine Magnusson and Lim Xisoging, second seeds in the women's doubles.

SPORTS POLITICS

# **Nebiolo treads** a fine line in Olympic talks

HAVING finally drawn Pri- cut from television, plus a mo Nebiolo, the president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). within the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Juan Antonio Samaranch is about to find that although he has thereby solved some problems, others remain.

Apparent solutions have been found to political difficulties within South Africa and the former Soviet republics. But yesterday Samaranch was meeting Nebiolo and the council members of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) - of which arrange the agenda for financial discussions between ASOIF and the IOC's executive board in Monte Carlo on May 6. Maintaining the mothe executive board by the IAAF last year, the summer federations are looking for a larger share of the gross Olympic revenue, from 1989 to 1992, of \$1.84 billion.

The summer federations, and athletics in particular, have a strong case and Nebiolo, as ever, will not be backward in playing his hand. Yet both he and Samaranch need to exercise, from different perspectives. much care not to allow the fragile, abstract quality that distinguishes the Olympic Games to be further eroded by commercial pragmatism. At present, the summer fed-

erations' share of the revenue is ten per cent of the gross television fee, which for Barceiona will approach £600 million. Having voluntarily forfeited, when he became ASOIF president, the special 20 per cent television share received by the IAAF, for an equal 25th part share with archery and others, Nebiolo is now understandably discontent with an Olympic income of around \$2 million. This is a low yield for the same programme that re-turned \$40 million from the

Tokyo championships.
The IAAF is, therefore, ng the IUC for a large



Nebiolo: discontent

share of gate receipts; and also for consideration of sponsorship of competitors' bib numbers (worth around \$40 million) and even for stadium advertising. A larger share than the IAAF's 0.1 per cent of Olympic revenue, as the major sport, is reasonable suggestions in expan-sion of advertising revenue are commercially risky, never mind ethically detrimental to

the Olympic image. Nebiolo, therefore, needs to rein in his requests and carefully consider the context of his election to the IOC. Its specific purpose — and the reason why IOC members approved the principle dur-ing the Winter Games by 75 vote to nil - is to enhance coordination between IOC and international federations and to protect the Games.

The huge expansion of athletics achieved by Nebiolo world championships at various levels and now biennial senior championships - has substantially raised his sport's profile; yet there is no necessary logic in the argu-ment that the IAAF's capacity to raise \$40 million from a world championships demands comparable profit from the Olympic Games.

The Olympic aura has, over a century, helped establish the credibility of athletics in the same way as, and more than, other sports. The Olympics are different: world champion athletes almost unanimously last year agreed that an Olympic title this year means more. The reason is partially abstract and indefinable, partially that, for all the contemporary evils, the unique quality. Still.
That is why the TOP spons-

orship programme produces millions for exclusive Olympic involvement by a handful of multinational corporations. Stadium advertising would kill the exclusivity, and would diminish television, revenue, because television advertisers would reject the "clutter" that replaced a member, the position he has sought for ten years. Nebiolo now has a responsibility to protect the Games as much as to promote athletics. In legitimately seeking more money for ASOIF and the IAAF, he and his advisers should rec-ognise the IOCs financial equation, having risen from near bankruptcy 16 years ago to mega-millions, is none the less fragile. It could turn the other way again.
With the power at his dis-

posal. Nebiolo must ensure that, now he is on board of the IOC, he is rowing the boat rather than rocking it.

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#### Three-year extension

Britannic Assurance has renewed its sponsorship of the county cricket championship for another three seasons. Details of the contract and prize-money will be an-nounced next month.

for cricket

The new deal, which will start in 1993, stretches the company's backing of county cricket to 11 years.

Wembley date

American football: The Washington Redskins, winners of the Super Bowl in January, will face the San Francisco 49ers at Wemblev stadium on August 16 in American Bowl 92. The teams have won seven of the last 11 Super Bowls.

Title chance

Boxing: Colin McMillan, the British and Commonwealth featherweight champion, could be offered a world title contest against the WBO champion, Maurizio Stecca, if he beats the American, Steve Thibodeaux, at Dagenham on March 25.

Gretzky top

Ice hockey: Wayne Gretzky, of the Los Angeles Kings, became the all-time professional scoring leader with an assist in a 4-1 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. His 2.359th point pushed him ahead of Gordie Howe.

Ito drops out

Ice skating: Midori Ito, of Japan, the Olympics silver medal winner, has withdrawn from the world championships in Oakland. California, from March 25 because of a lingering cold.

## RUGBY UNION

# on overseas players

Italian Rugby Federation and the Association of Senior Clubs over foreign players taking part in the Italian championship is to come to a head at the federation's an-

influx of foreign players from New Zealand, Australia. South Africa and Argentina.

Each Italian club is allowed to use one foreign player, a measure intended to raise the quality of the game. Among the imports are David Campese, Michael Lynagh.

# **Italians seeking limit**

THE conflict between the

nual general meeting in Naples tomorrow. The president of the federation, Maurizio Mondelli, is putting his position at risk by taking on the powerful clubs in an attempt to stem the

# By CHRIS THAU

Zinzan Brooke, Nass Botha, John Kirwan and Peter Fatialofa.

However, a loophole allowing any foreign national of Italian descent to acquire Italian citizenship is being exploited. One club, San Donna, in the Venice region, has three Italo-Argentines, two former Pumas and a

South African. "It's like a cancer. It kills Italian rugby. Over 30 per cent of the players in the first division are foreign nationals. We must do something about it" the secretary of the Italian Federation, Sandro di Santo, said. Mondelli's answer would be to introduce a residential qualification of three years.

FOOTBALL

# Japan may go Dutch

Tokyo: Japan is to recruit the Dutchman, Marius Johan Ooft, as the first foreign manager of the national team in preparation for the 1994 World Cup, a daily newspaper reported yesterday.

The mass-circulation Asahi Shimbun said the Japan Football Association wanted to appoint Ooft, the managing director of Utrecht, the Dutch first division side, on a one-year contract. Ooft, aged 44, a former Feyenoord for-ward, has helped to train players for several Japanese teams since 1982. He is expected to take charge in April. succeeding Kenzo Yokoyama, according to Asahi.

Japan, which wants to stage the 2002 World Cup. won the football bronze in the 1968 Mexico Olympics but has never qualified for the World Cup finals.

☐ Andress Scholl, a midfield. player with the German first division club, Nuremberg has made the curious decision to join Torquay; in the English third division on a non-contract basis. The Torquay manager, Ivan Golac, is also hoping to

strengthen his side by acquiring the experienced midfield player. Paul Baker, from Hartlepool as well as Queen's Park Rangers' Devon-born defender, Roberto Herrera.

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**SQUASH RACKETS** LILLESHALL: Wooheich national schools championships: Boys: Semi-finels: Lending bi Milfeld, 3-2; Norwich bi Hume GS, 4-1; Flori: Norwich bi Landing, 3-2; Giffus Semi-finels: North Walsham bi Flepton, 4-1; Milfeld bi Croten, 5-0. Florit: Milfeld bi Croten, 5-0. Florit: Milfeld bi North Walsham, 4-1.



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PETWORTH: Browning Cup (British professional hundicup championship): Semi-finals: A Snelprove bit Brockenstew, 6-5, 4-6, 6-2; M Devine bit C Romaticum, 6-3, 1-6, 5-2; Final: Devine bit Sneignove, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. RUGBY LEAGUE

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TENNIS

# Bicknell strengthens batting

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN POINTE & PIERRE, TRINIDAD

ENGLAND A were spared meeting Trinidad with only four specialist batsmen in the side yesterday when Darren Bicknell and Paul Johnson did better than expected in fitness tests shortly before the three-day match began. Neither Bicknell, who has had a thigh strain, nor Johnson. groin strain, expected to play when the team left its Port of Spain hotel for the 25-mile drive here.

.Though Bicknell and Johnson were only 90 per cent fit, they came through a workout at the ground without undue discomfort. Bearing in mind their need for practice before the first unofficial Test match on Saturday, it was decided to risk both players. Cork and Croft dropped out to make way for them.

England asked Trinidad to bat after Morris won the toss. He hoped that a pitch with more grass on it than is usual in the West Indies would assist the bowlers. This second gamble, however, did not succeed initially as the pitch yielded little help. Munton had the left-hand-

ed Yorke leg-before as he played back in the sixth over but after this Trinidad scored briskly. They were helped by a fast outfield at the big Guaracara Park ground. Malcolm, predictably, did not bowl at his fastest, following his back spasm at the weekend, but he bear both Ragoonath and Williams sev-

eral times around off stump

as they seldom hesitated to

make strokes. Munton gave

little away but Watkin was

more costly when he replaced Malcolm and there was little turn for Salisbury. Ragoonath, short and fleet-

footed, used his wrists well as

he drove and pulled runs.

Williams, tall and orthodox,

kept up with him. They added 90 in 21 overs before Ragoonath lifted a hook to Johnson at long leg. At hunch, Trini-dad were 108 for two. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: First Irrings "S Regionath c Johnson b Watter C Yorks low b Munter K A Williams not out R A M Smith not out

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**SQUASH RACKETS** 

# Wizards sweep to title

went to Manchester this week so determined to make the last night of the Pimm's premier league their own that one of their number. Philip Whitlock, even sponsored the opposing team for the fixture that returned the league title to Cardiff (Colin McQuillan

writes).
Whitlock, the England No. 7 and third string for the Wizards, owns a sports shop in Cheadle and was happy to snap up the position of local match sponsor. "It was just too good an opportunity to miss," he said, after contributing a 9-3, 9-3, 7-9, 9-3 win over Derek Ryan, the Irish

LEEKES Welsh Wizards No. 1, to a 4-0 result that left his team four points clear at the top of the table.

L & P Lambs, who had a mathematical chance to catch the leaders, beat Vasari Cannons 3-1 to finish second. To Whitlock's point in Manchester, Wizards added wins from Chris Robertson.

Peter Marshall and Adrian

Davies, the Welsh No. 1, who

finished with 13 wins from 13 appearances. 13 appearances.

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# Selhurst Park is FA's choice for Europe



POOTMALL CORRESPONDENT

SELHURST Park will be one of the eight venues should the finals of the European football championship be staged in England in 1996. The home of Crystal Palace has been included in the Football Association's revised bid to be submitted in Gothenburg today. In the conviction that the

tournament will feature 16 finalists, twice as many as in the field in Sweden this summer, the FA has rewritten its own document and doubled the number of grounds to be used. The proposal maintains the geo-graphical spread across the

Selburst Park, the capital's representative with Wembley, was thus pre-ferred to Highbury and White Hart Lane, which might have been considered more natural choices, because it is in south London. It is more convefrom the coast or through the Channel Tunnel.

Stamford Bridge was rejected because of the continuing doubts over its future and Twickenham was regarded as too expensive and

widen the pitch and to im-prove the quality of the sur-iace of the headquarters of rugby union would cost up to [1 million.

The capacity, 70,000, was thought to be excessive for games that would be overshadowed by England's appearances at Wembley. Selhurst Park, when it is fully refurbished, will be capable of accommodating 30,000 seated spectators, laid down by Uefa, Europe's

governing body.

The other sites are Villa
Park and Nottingham Forest's City Ground in the Midlands, Old Trafford and

Goodison Park in the north-west, and Elland Road with another venue yet to be specified in the north-east. There are five possibilities still being studied by the FA.

Hillsborough is the clear favourite. Bramall Lane, across the city of Sheffield, Sunderland's Roker Park and Newcastle United's St James' Park are contenders. It is conceivable, albeit highly improbable, that the vote could go to Huddersfield Town, though not in their present location at Leeds Road

The third division club is to move into a new arena to be shared with its rugby league counterparts. The admission of Huddersfield is surprising and would seem to be a gesture of recognition and encouragement to smaller clubs devising realistic plans for the future.

Wembley and Old Traf-ford would will house both the quarter-finals — with Villa Park and Elland Road - and the semi-finals. It is unlikely that Manchester's new Olympic stadium, even if the city is selected to act as the hosts of the Games in 2000, will be put forward as a possible alternative in the

Accompanied by Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of

project director, flew to Sweden yesterday. "We believe that England has the facilities to stage the competition, whatever the size," he said, "and we would be willing to accept any basis on which Uefa is prepared to

offer it.' The championship could be staged in two countries. especially if it is to embrace 16 competing nations. Yet Uefa would probably prefer it to establish the enlarged event in one centre and Eng-land is expected to be awarded the honour when the decision is announced

tria are the other realistic contenders and their facilities, though more complete than those in Greece and Portugal, are thought to be limited. The evidence is about to be considered by Uefa's European championship committee, which will submit a recommendation to the executive committee

A clear indication of the governing body's intentions will then be apparent but the official verdict will not be delivered until the eve of the European Cup Winners' Cup final, which will be in Lisbon, Munich or Paris.

IAN STEWART

United will miss Hughes in Rumbelows Cup replay

# Ripley holds the key for Middlesbrough

By LOUISE TAYLOR

THE most likely route Middiesbrough to reach Wembley in tonight's Rumbelows Cup semi-final second leg at Manchester United probably lies at the feet of Stuart

A powerful and pacey for-ward — easily identified by his blonde hair - Ripley usually plays on the wing. Yet Bruce Rioch, the former Middiesbrough manager, yesterday suggested he could pose problems in a central role at Old Traiford, where the score starts goalless after last week's draw at Ayresome Park.

"If you told Gary Pallister he was marking Ripley, I don't think he would be too happy," Rioch said. An England defender, Pallister, of course, made his name when playing in central defence for Middlesbrough where he was a close friend of Bernie Slaven a goal-poacher described by Rioch, now in charge of Millwall, as a "big occasion

DERBY County yesterday broke their transfer record

when they signed Paul Kit-

son, the England Under-21

forward, in a £1.3 million

deal with Leicester City (Lou-

The second division club

paid £800,000 for Kitson,

with Phil Gee and Ian Ormandroyd moving to Fil-

bert Street in part exchange.

£1.2 million Arthur Cox, the

Derby manager, paid Crystal

Palace for Marco Gabbiadini

earlier this year. Kitson, aged

21, normally a winger, has

scored ten goals for Leicester

this season, and Cox said:

"He has all the qualities to

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ise Taylor writes).

two matches away from winning their first big honour, the only problem being that they are against United and, possibly. Nottingham Forest in the final at Wembley.

Lennie Lawrence's second division side arguably spurned their best opportunity of reaching the national stadium by failing to score in the goalless first leg on Teesside. Yet although Middlesbrough missed their chances. Manchester United had a few of their own repelled by Stephen Pears, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, who began his career with United.

Lawrence regards Pears as "the best goalkeeper in the second division" and the goalkeeper's performance on the Old Trafford ground where he failed to make the grade a a youngster could certainly prove decisive.

Rioch believes Middlesbrough will draw strength from the nucleus of tonight's team that are local Teessiders

Tottenham from school.

improved five-year contract.

Andreas Scholl, the German

midfield player, yesterday joined the third division club,

Torquay United, on a non-

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the first before falling back to the second. Along the way, the club has been involved in a number of epic cup struggles, and Rioch said: "I don't think they will freeze, I'm sure they won't, I know those Middlesbrough players and they will not lay down and die. The

fact that a lot of them are local lads will help in that respect. "Obviously, Manchester United have the experience and the internationals, but the fact that Mark Hughes is not available for United will help Middlesbrough. I think they can win. For a club of their size, it is about time size, it is about time Middlesbrough

On paper, United look much stronger in the midfield, but, in Jamie Pollock, brought to the club by Rioch as an apprentice, Middlesbrough boast a precoclously strong, and apparently fear-less 17-year-old who should not be daunted by Old

test, so Curtis Fleming, signed from St Patrick's FA of Dublin for E50,000 last sum-

mer, is poised to deputise. Willie Falconer is likely to end sixth months' injury-enforced absence by sitting on the Middlesbrough substi-tutes' bench, while Steve Bruce is expected to return to the United defence six weeks after undergoing a hernia

With Hughes absent, Lee Sharpe returns to the left side of the United attack.

☐ Three matches are to be acreened live simultaneaously next Wednesday for the first time on British television. The BBC is showing Liverpoor's Uefa Cup quarter-final sec-ond leg against Genoe, which kicks off at 7.10pm. ITV is screening Tottenham
Hotspur's European Cup
Winners' Cup second leg
against Feyencord at 7.45, m
and Sky Sports shows Sunderland's FA Cup sixth round
replay against Chelses, also
at 7.45pm.

# Leeds hope to extend lead

By LOUISE TAYLOR

Vinny Samways was yesterday placed on the transfer list ON A night when Manby Tottenham Hotspur, Samchester United continue to ways, aged 23, who is from flirt with cup glory, Leeds nearby Bethnal Green, joined United will concentrate on the championship. By win-ning at Queen's Park Rang-Odlham Athletic have had an offer for Steve Redmond, ers this evening, they can extend their lead over their the Manchester City defender, rejected. Liverpool have Manchester rivals at the head of the first division to five awarded Rob Jones, their England full back, a new.

Rangers, however, have a healthy disrespect for such pretensions. They were the team who trounced United at Old Trafford on New Year's day before crushing Man-chester City's outside championship hopes last Saturday. In between, they have tended to draw matches.

With Sterland and Whitlow, their full backs, recovering from knee and groin injuries, Leeds are expected to be unchanged at Loftus Road. Cantona, the French international forward, is

again a substitute. Ludek Miklosko is fit and expected to return in goal for West Ham United's visit to Liverpool tonight after missing seven games with a calf injury. But Billy Bonds's team are still without Tim

Much has been said about

introduced just two newcom-

ers rather than four, I believe

the continuing health and success of English rugby

would be assured.

Breacker, their right back, who has a hamstring strain. West Ham are bottom of the first division and Bonds said: "I never won at Anfield in 25 years as a player, so now would be a great time to get a result there. We desperately need it." Liverpool, in contrast, have their attention focussed on largely on cup competitions, and their belief that they are still capable of reaching the semi-finals of this season's Uefa Cup was strengthened yesterday with the news that Ian Rush has made a swifter than antici-

pated recovery from injury.

Rush will play in a reserveteam fixture against Coventry City tomorrow night just two weeks after undergoing sur-gery on a damaged right knee and, if he suffers no adverse reaction, he could line up in next week's quarter-final second leg against Genoa, when Liverpool will seek to overturn a two-goal first-leg deficit.

Tottenham Hotspur need to win at Luton Town, themselves fourth from bottom of the table, this evening in order to avoid being sucked into a relegation struggle.



By JOHN GOODBODY

SPORT should receive a £15 million windfall as a result of the Chancellor's announcement yesterday of a cut in betting duty.

. Norman Lamont said the government would reduce the tax from 8 per cent to 7.75. per cent, so releasing about £15 million a year. He emphasised that the book-makers should have regard to greyhound racing and sports other than horse racing in distributing the new money.

He said that the home secretary. Kenneth Baker, would be making proposals to ensure that the greater part of this reduction would be channelled to the horse racing

industry. He added: That is an important part of this measure. I shall review the cut in betting duty next year. A proportion of the reduction, of course, will be attributable to betting on greyhound

Baker later announced that the 1992-3 betting levy scheme — the bookmakers' payment to the horse racing industry - would be about £48 million, assuming turnover of £4,300 million.

The Bookmakers' Committee welcomed the reduction in betting duty and said in a statement: "The rates and allowances to produce the yield require careful consideration in order that the implications on the small and large bookmaker can be assessed." "I hope that voluntary arrangements can be found to direct some of this money to help the greyhound racing industry, and Mr Baker will be exploring the possibilities with interested parties."

Greyhound racing, along with football, cricket, tennis, golf, boxing and other sports on which there is betting but no return from the bookmakers. has been lobbying for a share of the betting duty which at present goes only to horse racing. Greyhound racing claims that it is deprived of £11 million, and other sports claim £6 million between them.

Archie Newhouse, chief executive of the National Greyhound Racing Club, said: "We are delighted with the news and clearly there must now be something coming back to our sport. All we have ever asked for is fair play and we hope that the bookmakers take this on board. The government has clearly seen that there is a disparity between horse racing and all other

betting sports." Peter Lawson, secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which represents the governing bodies of British sport, said: "The gov-ernment has put a very positive foot in the door of the bookmakers and we hope that after the general election they will apply a firm



THE BEST IN LOCAL SERVICES

#### A summer of content before the big decisions turning up for training ses-sions and encouraging Tim all players felt very disap-pointed that so negative a ENGLISH rugby will not know for at least six months By the end of next season, players who have joined re-cently, such as Jason Leon-Rob Andrew, the England just how large a rebuilding job will be required within the national side. At the end of an exhausting 18 months of almost non-stop rugby, most of the squad want to Rodber. Then he was recalled stand-off, considers what lies ard and especially Martin Bayfield, should be experi-

enced performers. The rapid progress both have made has been marvellous. Leonard is have a complete summer off now established. Bayfield them integrate into the side. could be by the end of next and then see how we feel next season. That is where one found influence has been more year from some of the We have played ten high-Dewi Morris. We had besenior guys could be so powered internationals in five months, a level of intensity that has been amazing.

I see young players such as Tim Rodber, Ben Clarke and Neil Back challenging hard for places in the back row and then there is John Hall, who should be fit again next season. But if we were to lose the whole back row from this year, it would be tough for newcomers because there would be nobody of great experience alongside to help



another option. . .

ahead after the team's second grand slam triumph

epitomised the spirit that One who has had a prohas been a key factor. Dewi is one, for he had to suffer the disappointment of watching every World Cup match from come a bit stereotyped as a side: Richard Hill or I was the bench. But he got his reward in the five nations'

kicking or he was passing to me and I was passing it on championship.

Dean Richards is the othdown the line. er. He was dropped for the But one of Dewi's natural talents is his ability to link with his back row. His weakness had been his pass, but he has worked hard on that and has returned to give us

three biggest games of the cup: the quarter-final, semifinal and final. Then, when Mike Teague was not avail-Two players in particular yet Deano just soldiered on, northern hemisphere. Sever-

and again played superbly. Any winning side needs that There are two aspects I in-

tend largely to ignore. One is comparisons between this England side and previous ones because the game is so different from even five years ago that comparisons are pointless. The second is the suggestion that England might have met Australia in a special match. I was glad the RFU said it was a nonstarter because it was a daft

flyer of an idea. Last Saturday hunchtime the BBC showed about 15 minutes of the Australian, able, an uncapped youngster
was brought in before him,

England and the game in the tape should be given an airing just before a grand slam game that millions of people were going to watch, some of them potential new

ITV did a fantastic job promoting rugby during the World Cup because it was were so positive in what it presented. To us, this BBC film of Campese was just negative and we found it a shame that the game over here should be shown in such a poor light by an Australian of whom we are sick of hearing about

☐ Interview by Peter Bills. . .

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# Misha's back and smelling like roses

Mikhail Baryshnikov, prince of classical ballet, started a European tour this week with his thoroughly modern White Oak Dance

Project. Debra Craine found a man at ease in his new clothes

n he saunters, a diminutive, umprepossessing figure in a red and gold brocade jacket, a slightly ridiculous man wielding what looks like a plastic sausage. For the next 20 minutes he is at the heart of a giddy blend of silent screen slapstick and children's cartoon antics. He is Punch, the villainous hero of a new David Gordon dancework based on the old Punch and Judy shows. He is also Mikhail Baryshnikov, Russian ballet star extraordinaire.

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If this incarnation of the man once acclaimed as the world's greatest male classical dancer is incongruous to some, there is no incongruity in the mind of the star himself. Turning his back — at least temporarily — on the behemoths of ballet, Broadway and Hollywood, Barrahailta.

yshnikov is now establishing his credentials as a humble modern dancer. Gone are the slippers, the

tights and the princely ap-parel that clothed the Sieg-frieds and Albrechts of Baryshnikov's youth; gone, too, are the double tours en l'air and big jumps that thrilled audiences in the 1970s. In their place is the White Oak Dance Project,

which Baryshnikov and American choreographer Mark Morris started almost two years ago as "a group of dancers who wanted to work together and do the choreography of people we

Martha Graham, Lar Lubovitch, David Gordon and Morris himself: the mainstream of American modern dance. Next month White Oak brings their, work to London, the final stop on the company's first European tour. And "Misha", for that is how everyone in America knows Baryshnikov, will probably be dancing every night, his first appearances in London since 1985.

Cynics would say that, at the age of 44. Baryshnikov has turned to modern dance as a means of extending the professional life of a played-out prince; unkind tongues in America dubbed White Oak "The Geritol Tour", a snide reference to the tonic sold to bolster America's elderly population, and to the fact that the average age of

White Oak's dancers is over 35. Certainly Baryshnikov is not the only Russian ballet defector refusing to bow to the exigencies of time: Rudolf Nureyev, now over 50, continues to perform beyond his sell-by date as a classical dancer, while Natalia Makarova, her days as a ballerina behind her, has recently started to walk the

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boards as a 50-plus actress. "Anyone who says I do modern dance because I can't do ballet doesn't know how difficult what are doing is."

Baryshnikov, looking whacked after a run-through of Punch and Judy in David Gordon's down-town Manhattan studios, "There are a lot of classical roles I danced which are much easier than this. Just because in modern dance there are no double tours doesn't mean it's not difficult."

Whatever the cynics might say, Baryshnikov's conversion to modern dance is genuine. Indeed, no other classical dancer in the world has enjoyed the kind of crossover experience he has had. Within two years of breaking away from his KGB minders during a Kirov Ballet tour to Canada in 1974, the acclaimed classicist was working with the iconoclastic Twyla Tharp. The cheeky result, Push Comes to

I know a lot of people come to see me dance because they've heard of me, they've seen me on television or in some bad movie'

Shove, was an enormous hit and quickly became Baryshnikov's signature piece. Later, when he took over American Ballet Theatre in 1980, he appointed Tharp as artistic associate and introduced the work of other leading Americontemporary choreographers into the repersoire.

"I have always been interested in modern dance, ever since I started to work with Twyla and Alvin Ailey," he says. "I worked with all of them, Paul Taylor, Merce Cunningham, Martha Graham, and I realised I wanted to work with modern dance in more depth. Somehow now it's the most interesting thing on the dance horizon. I don't see anybody seriously working with the classi-cal vocabulary in an interesting

Ever since arriving in the West, in the days when being a Soviet defector still carried a certain mystique. Baryshnikov has evinced a canny ability to capitalise on his celebrity. In the early years "it helped me get any work I wanted because I knew all doors were open". Today he uses his stardom to draw a bigger

audience to modern dance. Although he stresses that White Oak "is very much a collective work" involving 14 dancers, he knows it is his name which sells the tickets. "It's a bit of a pressure on me because I know a lot of people come to see me dance because they've heard of me, they've seen me on television or in some bad movie," he says.

"Well, I'm probably in every programme, and I will be on stage twice as much as in even the big classical pieces like Swan Lake and Sleeping Beauty, where you do the pas de deux, you do the coda, and

"There's always some lady who wants to see me in ballet slippers, tights and a beautiful jacket with a lot of embroidery because she remembers me in Corsaire or Giselle, but you can't counter this. It's their problem if they come to see something classical." In his missionary zeal to make

White Oak accessible for a wider audience, Baryshnikov insisted that the original ticket prices for next month's Sadler's Wells season be lowered: the top ticket price is now £35. "We don't have big production values for sets or a

huge orchestra, and we are a small group. I think that should be balanced against the ticket prices. I want people to feel they can afford the tickets. When somebody is paying \$120 for a ticket to see opera or dance, even before the curtain goes up they start wondering whether it is worth it."

These days, Baryshnikov calls the shots because he pays the bills. White Oak is his company, paid for out of his personal fortune. It means he dances what he wants, with whom he wants and when he wants. "I did not want to deal with sponsors, I did not want to have a board of directors. This is my money and do with my money what I want. don't have to answer to anyone."

Such independence must seem especially sweet after his experiences at American Ballet Theatre, vhere a decade of managing egos and manipulating the hierarchy wore him down. In 1989 he quit as artistic director amid claims of mismanagement: the company was facing massive financial problems, while his new-look repertoire had alienated some of ABT's traditional audience.

till, there were some real achievements: Baryshnikov improved the company's standards of performance, broadened its artistic outlook and developed talent from within the ranks, rather than relying on foreign guest stars to

"I'm proud of what I did at ABT." he says. "I'm just sad that the thing ended in crisis. I wish I could have stepped out cleanly; unfortunately it ended in scandal. It was unpleasant but I am trying

to forget that now." Today Baryshnikov enjoys the patronage of a former ABT board member, Howard Gilman. The American philanthropist has built luxurious rehearsal facilities for the company on his Florida plantation — White Oak — a 7,500-acre wildlife preserve which is home to more than 600 animais, many rare and endangered child this summer.

species. "It's a luxury for us to be in such beautiful and extraordinary conditions. It's really magic." Money for productions and touring is generated by the

"Misha" industry: the top-of-the-line perfumes and leisure-wear which bear his name and which he vigorously promotes in personal appearances, on television and in stylish advertising campaigns.

"The fragrance is big business, big money," he admits. "I don't just lend my name to the products. I'm involved from the bottle to the packaging, to the scent, to the materials. It takes a lot of time but I tell you it pays bills."
What he sells is his glamorous

image: a curious blend of pintsized macho man, brooding Russian poet and American little boy lost. His well-docurhented per-sonal life has also added spice to the mixture: from his stormy affair with the ballerina Gelsey Kirkland (who attacked him in her bestselling autobiography Dancing on my Grave) to his relationship with the actress Jessica Lange, by whom he has a ten-year-old daughter. His current partner is Lisa Rinehart, a former ABT dancer; they have a two-year-old son, and are expecting another

Baryshnikov's commitment to White Oak, and to the selfmarketing which pays for it, does not mean he has turned his back on Hollywood or Broadway, de-spite his mixed experiences on screen and stage. Although a success in Steven Berkoff's production of Metamorphosis on Broad-way, he would think twice about

tackling another stage role. "It was probably the scariest experience in my life I realise how unprepared I was and sometimes how naïve about certain things. If someone came to me and said 'we want you to do this part in this play', I would say 'Yes, but can we have six months of rehearsals and

then I will think about it"." His career in Hollywood proved a disappointment: the box-office success of The Turning Point was followed by such low-impact releases as Dancers and White Nights. "My relationship with the West Coast film industry didn't really fly the way I thought it might. I thought I would never do another film and then I did one with Peter Sellars, The Cabinet of Dr. Ramirez [shown at Cannes

Master of all he undertakes: images of Baryshnikov dancing a solo entitled Ten Suggestions, choreographed by Mark Morris

What about another cinema project? "If some director thinks I'm right for this project, and it's a director's quest and not a studio executive's . . .

"But I decided that I should do what I do best and keep dancing and not to push anything. That's my decision for now.'

• White Oak Dance Project is at Sadier's Wells Theatre (071-278 8916)

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> **TOMORROW** Sheffield's stainless heritage

# Driving home with a blow-up man

here was a time, a few years ago, when I grew so addicted to catching taxis in the street that I would sometimes hail them simply out of habit. You know how it is, when a harmless (though expensive) pleasure turns wayward and runs out of control. Well, like Wilfred Owen in a different context, I'm afraid I just went "hunting wild". No black cab was safe if I had a fiver in my pocket. The mere sight of a yellow "For Hire" light elicited an instant Pavlovian response: waving a rolled-up newspaper, I would hop about on the kerb and drool involuntarily, all down the front of my anorak.

In the past few weeks, of course, the connotations of climbing into the back of a taxi have been radically altered. Saying "Crouch End, and step on it" has become the cripes-look-behind-you equivalent of lisping "Goodness. Grandma, what big teeth you have", and offering your wrists for handcuffs. The hunter has become the hunted. Women have started looking at taxis and seeing only the word "rapist" glowing menacingly in the dark. And, as our old friend Pavlov used to say, it makes you

The harm is so easily done. Overnight, the benign London

cabbie has been transformed in the public imagination from a bloke in an old cardigan who grumbles about legal tender, into Jack the Ripper on derv. Whereas you used to feel protected in the back of the cab - free to mime exaggerated apologies to other motorists as you veered crazily across their path - the circumspect female passenger must now remember that she is principally not "in transit" but "at risk". And aside from producing a life-size inflatable man from her briefcase, and balancing it with its arm round her shoulder on the seat beside her, she has few means of restoring her carefree confidence.

The trouble with new insecurities is that they cast a shadow over past experience, too. Was I a fool to feel safe in taxis in the past? To think of all the times I have been dragged into conversation with the back of a taxi-driver's neck, shouting "Too right" and "You've got a point there" at his short back and sides, while straining to catch his appalling stringem-up gist over the roar of the engine. What risks I may have run. I mean, what about that seemingly nice driver who told me all about his impending divorce, sitting outside my house one December evening in 1988? Must SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss on the good old days of screaming "taxi"



I now wonder whether there was some ulterior motive at work? I mean, other than the twenty-three

quid that clocked up on the meter? Mini-cabs are another matter. of course. And here, I think, the retrospective horror is entirely appropriate. In fact, I look back on my naive mini-cab phase with the sort of nauseous, sweat-beading disbelief people usually feel when remembering that they once

climbed into a boxing-ring with a kangaroo. There was one particular mini-cab driver who would pick me up on Tuesday mornings to take me to a dawn shift at the typesetters (I worked for The Listener, at the time), and who would occasionally ask me for a date. I, in turn, would politely demur, at which point he would say cheerfully, "It's all right, darling. I won't rape you!" And I seem to remember I would smile weakly at this pleasantry, rather

than lunge for the rip-cord on my

inflatable man. Why did I continue to travel with him? Because he promised so emphatically not to rape me? Small comfort in that. I think it was because I didn't want to make a big deal out of it, for lear of making things worse. But things got quite a bit worse anyway. because he started offering me a job, as well. Nobody had heard of The Listener, he scoffed (he may well have been right, actually); why didn't I grab his offer of editing the soon-to-be-launched Chauffeur and Limo Quarterly: instead? One Thursday evening, I came home and found him on my doorstep. "Go on, ask me in," he said. "I won't rape you!" Somehow the sub-text to this unusual chat-

up line suddenly became inescap-

ably clear, even to me. So. in order to save both of us any further embarrassment, I went out and bought myself a car.

No doubt the black cab rape scare will blow over. In the meantime, the idea that women are currently spurning taxis (and choosing instead to walk home along lonely railway embankments) is so ghastly that it makes your veins go all cold and crackly, like ice-pops. But then the intensely annoying thing about this scare is that it has created yet another area of everyday life in which women face the tiresome customary dilemma of "damned if you do. and damned if you don't". Take the risk seriously, and you are (of course) over-reacting to statistical probabilities; ignore the risk, and you appear foolhardy. Refuse to go out at all, and you are imbecilic. Set up a do-it-yourself tear-gas factory in the shed, and you can be thrown in the slammer. So, as you stand at the kerb-side at midnight, paralysed into inaction as the last cabs glide by, it is no wonder you rip your Life & Times to pieces with your teeth. Men don't have this problem, do they? It's all so bloody unfair.

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SCOTTISH OPERA: The company moves to Edinburgh this week with He revival of John Cox's 1996 production of The Marriage of Figure, designed by John Byrne, restaged by Sally Day, and conducted by rising British producted. What Microbinstrath The conductor Mark Wigglesworth. The cast includes Jane Webster as the Countrees, Clairs Danlets as Susanna, Eizabeth McCommack as Cherubino. Robert Poulton as Figero and Steven Page as Almavias, Vard's La Pavista. a co-production with Medrid's Tes Lirico Necional la Zarzuela, is elso in the touring repertoire. Playhouse Theatre, 18 Greenwide Place, Edinburgh (031-557 2692).

MOBY DICK: The West End Impresenc Cemeron Meckentosh ha chosen en unlikely tale for his next. musical project: a bozene variation on Melvifie's clease story of the great white whate. The new musical is set in the Fitties in a boarding school where the headmistress instructs the grist to write a musical version to rease lands existed school. The result tor her impoversation action. The restaining then staged in the echool swimming pool. Cast includes Tony Monopoly, the pop and cabaret artist. The show is previewing and will open on Tue Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Str

London W1 (071-867 1118), 8pm. DOUBLETAKE: The general subject of this large international show is:
"Collective Memory and Current Art".
Even the designer, Aide Rossi, is
renowned for his writings on collective
memory in architecture, and the 22
artists included are all very conscious of living in and on the mass media a vast store of shared superiences. Works are inside the Hayward and scatleted around in the open; the media are sometimes improbable. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-261 0127). Deliy, 10em-8pm (Tues, Wed to 8pm), until April 19

□ LA BETE: Bravura performance by Alan Cumming in a strange Motière parady: accentric but clever. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, Wê (081-741 2311). Mon-Bat. 7 45pm, mate Wed. 2 30pm, Sat. 4pm 145mins. Final

☐ CAESAR AND GLEOPATRA: Alec

McCowen and Amenda Root in adiseppointingly flat version of Shew's ant-romantic charms. Greenwich, Croom's Hill. SE10 (081-858 7755), Mon-Sat, 7,45pm, met Sat, 2,30pm. 135mins

LI THE COTTON CLUB: An impression of the Harlam nightspot high on energy, low on story (reshress: Adwyrch, The Adwyrch, WCZ (971-836 6404). Mon-Fn, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

DANCING AT LUGHHASA: Bridge

Friel a Otwier Award-winning memory-pley, set in Thirties Donegal. Barrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5085). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mete Thurs, 3pm. Sat. 4pm. 150mns.

DEATH AND THE MAIDINE Julies Stevenson, Michael Syme, Bill Paterson superb in Ares Dorfmen's Chileent political drama. Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sel, Spm, mate Thure, Spm, Sel, 4pm, 120mins.

IT AN EVENING WITH GART LINEKER: Sometimes draft look at the lightwater of a segment manned to u

Boccas Mr., Duchess, Catherne Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thure, Spm, Fri, Set, Spm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

ppin and d-opin. Idunates.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylich version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bends and packed with Shrites songs. Bouleverd, Walker's Court, off Peter Street, Wt (071-437 2681 a the 2pm). Mon-Set, B. 15pm, Pri late show, 11.30pm, met Set, 6pm, 90mins.

Setistying musical celebrating Pittins and Sorties pop classics. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Spm. Pn, Sat, 5.30pm and

A HARD HEART; Architect Anna Measury destroys what she claims to love in Bartur's complex, and play, Almeide, Almeide Street, N1 (071-339 4404), Mon-Set, 8pm, met Set, 4pm.

D GOOD ROCKIN' TONITE

CONDON MOZART PLAYERS: The "Europe in Marmony" series continues with a programme reflecting the musical heritage of Britain comprising Barkeley's Partna, Opdis: Holat's Barel More; Walton's Song for the Lord Mayor's Table; Turnage's Let Us Sleep Now, and Bridge's Surte for Strings. Howard Shelley conducts and sopraniques Manning is soloist.

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Barik, London SE1 (077-928 8900), 7.45pm.

MICHALA PETRI: The Danieli Martin-in-the-Fielde Chember the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fielde Chember Ensemble In a programme of works by Purcell, Cabriell, Semmartini, Walldi, Pachelbel, Jacob and Dvořák.

Barbloan, Sik Street, London EC2 8731 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

TODAY S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and ainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON MOZART PLAYERS: The

Provat OPENA ORCHESTRA: While Maniyn Horne gives a recital at Bow Street headquarters tonight, the ROO will be at the South Benk performing an will be at the south Bank performing an all-Strause programms under the basen of Bermard Haintheit. Separate Feliatry Lott joins in the concert for Four Last Songs, followed by the orchestra in An Alphae Symphany. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 1731-1029 00000, 7-20-000. (071-928 8800), 7 30pm. DOWN AND OUT IN PARIS AND LONDON: Palnes Pough in aspociation with Salisbury Playhouse present a large-scale production of Orwell's grien secount of poverty and homelessment. Opening right (see feature, page 3), Riverside Studies, Crisp Reed, Hermeramith, Lendon W6 (081-748) 3350, 7om.

THEATRE CHOICE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current London theatre House full, returns only Some seats available
Seats at all prices

Algel Hewriterne is very fine as a stroken king, but as a whole, Alan Bermett's play does not quite work. National (Lytalton), South Bank, SE! (071-829 2252), Tonight, temorrow, 7,30pm, nest temorrow, 3,15pm. 170mins.

MAIGNG IT BETTER: James Saunders' subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Pregue and London, June Asher in as exemplary cast of four Hampetsed, Sense Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 B301), Mon-Set, Spm, Inek

PHANTON OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thrifler; tunes by Offenbuch, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Sheffesbury. Sheffesbury Avenue. WCZ (071-379 5396) Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, Sek. Spm. 150mine.

I THE POCKET DREAM; Foolish Li THE PURINET DITERMI: Possist burlesque of A Addenamer Night's Dream, with Mike McShane and Santh Toksvig Dedicated fans only.

Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115), Tues-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mins.

PYGMIES IN THE ALLINE D Pr@ALES IN THE RUND Uncomforable play by Ron Hutchines baring the ancesties of a Seitest orde haunted by his city's past. Royal Court, Sione Souere, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Mon-Set, Spm, mat Set, 4pm, 145mins.

I THE FICAD: Recides University and arrest-time religion in Legos: Wole Soyinka's first play confusingly staged at this new home for black theatre. Cochrene Thesare, Southernoon Row, WC1 (071-430 2500). Mon-Seil, 7.30cm, 150mins.

SELF PORTRAIT: Absorbing, if at times contueing, study of the painter Gwen John and the impulse behind her portraite of stricken women, Orange Tree, Clarence Street,

Puchmons (081-848 3638): Mon-Sut, 7 45pm, mat Thurs, 2.20pm, Set, 4pm,

The production of the second s

production of Shaw's play brings logether a dazzling assembly of salent. Trever Num is directing Paul Scotletel as the 88-year-old Capitaln Shotover, and Vanesse Redgrave. Falicity Kandall and Derrel Messey as the deuphters and soft-maw. Imogen Stubbe, Devid Calder, Joe Melits and Oliver Ford.

Davies make up the promising lease. The production is previously and opens on March 19.

Theatre Royal, Haymerhet, London (071-930 8800), 7 30pm.

OTTO DR: The German painter is known in this country by a few paintings from his "critical realist" phase. This reprospective shows that he began with inscoudus self-portratts, was shooked into Expressioner violence and Dada savagery by the first world war, and anded the Twenties as an achiement of the Neue Sachlichkeit (now objectivity), using probing realism to embody social criticisms. During the Nazi period he tound refuge in religious painting and landscape. Attenuants he took on a cloudy sort of symbolism, and ended with unsparing portraits of the statt in old age. A thrilling odysaery which marks Dix as a significant figure in 20th-century art.

Tate Gallery, Millberti, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sel, 10em-5.50pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, opens today until May

PHARCAH SANDERS QUARTET: The Arkonse-born tenor spitten me a variety those shows with old inspeciation within the modern of pierro, Stafford James on bess, and

idrie Muhammad on drume. He is one of taw players to have worked with the John Coltrane Quartel in the Siddes.

Jazz Café, 15e Parkway, London NW (071-284 4358), 7.20pm.

in 20th-century art.

LI BOPHISTICATED LADIES To singer-denoers whiri through the massic of Duke Etington. Obvious routines cannot disgues the true rueful Duke Globe, Shattesbury Avenue, Wr (07)-484-5085, Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, 6,00pm, mais Wed, 3pm, Sat, Sprn. 130mins.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pseudots in Blaschle tribute to Colle Porter's wit and very metodies. Vauder/lie, The Strend, WCZ (071-836 9867) Mon-Frt, 8pm, Sat, 8-30pm, nats Wed, 2-30pm, Sat, 5-30pm, 140mins.

I TALKING HEADS: Paintill Routledge and Aisn Bennett excellent three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pain of unconscious humour and pain of desolute lives. Comedy, Penton Street, SW1 (871-957 1045). Alon-Sal, Sprn, mate Wed, Sprn, Sal, Apre. 150mins.

CI A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful cides. Good fun. Vivitebally Whitehell, SW1 (971-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, B.15pm, Fn, Set, B.15pm and Spm. 120mins.

6.15pm and Spot. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Princa of Wales (071-839 5972). ☐ Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-867 1044). ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-847 1044). ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-847 1317). ☐ Carmen Jones: Old Viz (071-929 7616) ☐ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ Don't Dress for Disners Apollo (071-494 5070). ☐ Prive Guye Named Most: Lyris (071-494 5045). ☐ Eve Guye Named Most: Lyris (071-494 5046). ☐ Menzing Tachnoolor Dresmoost: Palactum (071-494 5070). ☐ Mes and My Girc: Adelphi (071-836 7811). ☐ Les Missirables: Palace (071-434 6090). ☐ Miss: Salcon: Theetre Royal, Druy Lane (071-494 5400). ☐ The Mousetrap: 3t Marin's (071-836 1445). ☐ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Mejoery's (071-494 5400). ☐ Resum to the Fortoidee Planet: Carmbrodge (071-338 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 686) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuowarder F.A. E. — The Med Garcestfort Ambieseadors (071-838 6869) ☐ Thuo Garc

Several hats, and none of them a Dud

INTERVIEW

Hollywood resident and comic actor Dudley Moore is returning to his jazz and other musical roots on a concert tour of Britain. He talked to Clive Davis

s there anything new to say about Dudley Moore? By now everyone knows about Dud 'n' Pete, 10 and Arthur. Whenever he gives an interview and Moore is a past master of the photo-opportunity - it tends to be used as a pretext for newspaper speculation about his marital history. When he flies in from his home in America every profile writer in the land has the opportunity to become an amateur psychologist for an hour

The subject for today, fortunately, is music. Moore is back in the country for an unusual concert tour in which he will combine the roles of classical and jazz pianist, presumably with some throwaway comedy as a bonus.
Accompanied by the BBC Concert
Orchestra he will be playing Mozart and Gershwin; he will also be leading his jazz trio.

Moore's classical skills were dis-played in the Channel 4 series Orchestral, in which he performed extracts from the standard repertory under the approving eye of Sir Georg Solti. His jazz piano technique has received less exposure in recent years, though there were tantalising snip pets in BBC 2's re-runs of the Sixties comedy series Not Only But Also ...

The instrumental numbers in the show, and the occasional duets with Marian Montgomery, were a reminder that Moore is a classy improviser with a light, destrous touch reminiscent of Erroll Garner, or perhaps Bill Evans in one of his rare extrovert moods. Early in his career, when he was working a jazz club in Greenwich Village, Moore was once offered a recording contract by Ahmet Ertegun, the founder of Atlantic, a company which at one time or another was the home of such uminaries as Charles Mingus, the Modern Jazz Quartet and Ray Charles.

Moore turned down the proposal because he was eager to return to England. He later recorded several trio albums which were good enough to earn him a coveted place in the New Grove Dictionary of Jazz, published four years ago. Quite an achievement for a musician who has devoted much of his time to playing unlikely roman-tic leads in indifferent comedy films. It was Garner who first converted him to jazz. "I heard a record of him playing "The Way You Look Tonight"

when I was 16," says Moore. "It wasn't so much the technique as the feeling that knocked me out. He's extraordinary by accident - it's not the kind of style you work out. It has influenced me for my entire life, even though there are certain things he does that I can't stand. I hate his ballads, where he gets over sentimen-tal and frilly and when he doesn't get into that wonderful loping swing.

"I love Oscar Peterson too. I started transcribing his solos from the 1956 Shakespeare Festival concert, and i learned a great deal from that. He and Garner are neck and neck in my

Moore was in the audience at Ronnie Scott's some weeks ago, listening to a set by the John Dankworth Orchestra. A nostalgic experience no doubt, since he briefly worked as the band's pianist, some 30 years ago. "It was fun, but in a sense I'm giad those days are over: I wasn't a great band pianist. I never knew quite what to play behind everyone." Moore remembers playing at Scott's on a couple of occasions, though he confesses that he does not enjoy the gladiatorial atmosphere of most

t times he gives the impres-sion that he would prefer to spend all his time at the recording studio attached to his home. It was there that he recorded his current album, Songs Without Words, a collection of easylistening ballads and sketches. The presence of the saxophonist Kenny G - whose warblings can be heard in lifts and hotel lobbies across the Western world — gives an idea of the overall content. We will have to wait a while longer before Moore, the former organ scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford, gets round to his frequently declared ambition of recording Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues. He still plays Bach on the piano every morning, and when he is asked to name his favourite pieces he reels off a list of preludes and fugues. methodically working his way through the major and minor keys.

There's a certain perfection in everything Bach's written that dazzles me every time, this incredible effervescence," Moore says. "Something like a three-part fugue is endlessly, endlessly fascinating. A lot of people, I know, prefer Mozart to Bach. I love

Dudley Moore: a classy improviser with a light, dextrous touch phoned up the college and arranged it. I stayed at the President's lodgings. late Mozart, but I can't stand the even played the organ in the chapel.

his music studies at Oxford. It is not long since he returned to the university to collect, at last, his two degrees in music and composition. "I had a difficult time at Oxford in many ways because I was so harrassed by my feelings about class and being from Dagenham. I don't

rococo formalities of some of the early

Worrled, perhaps that he sounds

too serious, he drops into a comic

voice — "A good lad, our Johann" —

before he moves on to recollections of

think you can really get away from that - certainly not in this country. That's partly why I went to the States. "I hadn't seen any point in picking up the degrees before. I just suddenly It was the piece I'd performed for my

scholarship: Bach's St Anne fugue. "But the organ was different to the one I remembered — it had a different action - and I sounded awful. I thought, 'God, I'm desecrating this beautiful chapel'. In the end I made so many bloody mistakes I started to

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DANCE

## Moved by Mozart

Amadens Dome, Brighton

JUMPING in ahead of Irek Mukhamedov, whose part-time touring group starts performing next-month, his former Bolshoi colleague Stanislav Tchassov is already on the road with an occasional programme billed as "Russian and British Stars of Ballet". Their show at Brighton included members of four British companies: three of the dancers are British, two Russian, one each from America, Estonia and Japan,

The first part of the evening offers a new production, Amadeus, staged by Tchassov to a pot-pourri of Mozart music. One of the ballets Tchassov danced in Russia was called Mozart and Salieri; how far that experience may have influenced him f do not know, but in any event his choreography is assured and fluent, showing off the three dancers (all from London City Ballet) to advantage.

But the structure of the work is clumsy, mainly a series of solos, and only Lawrence Beazley as Salieri has any real dramatic content to flavour his dancing, although the way he is torn between admiration and envy of Mozart's genius is sometimes in danger of looking comic, as he switches repeatedly from one emotion to the other.

Conor O'Brien makes a somewhat idealised Amadeus, slim and sensitive, Kim Miller's Constanze is delightful, so the brevity of her role is disappointing, especially as the comic first duet for the lovers is the most inventive thing in the ballet.

The second half of the programme

is a set of showpiece numbers. Agnes Oaks (from English National Ballet), dancing the Sleeping Beauty pas de deux, provides the high spot, al-though I wish she had been taught a less fidgety version of the solo. Kim Miller dances Grigorovich's Russian solo from Swan Lake with verve. Bonnie Moore from the Royal Ballet joins Tchassov for extracts from Swan Lake and The Corsair, and London City Ballet's Ayumi Hikasa dances in the Nutcracker pas de deux.

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CONCERT

## Tribute in keeping

Arrau Memorial Barbican Hall

A MEMORIAL tribute to Claudio Arrau, the Chilean-born planist who died last June at the age of 88, brought Verdi's Requiem by the London Symphony Orchestra in con-junction with Union Discount and the Royal Philharmonic Society. The Society conferred its Gold Medal, this country's highest musical award, on Arrau two years ago, but he died before he could receive it. The posthumous presentation was made last Saturday to his daughter, by Sir Yehudi Menuhin.

Menuhin's warm spoken tribute from the platform echoed that of Sir Colin Davis, who then returned with the soloists to conduct a work that has never been surpassed in illuminating the art of singing at its most understanding of content and character. Verdi's Requiem is not as closely associated with Davis as with some conductors. But it was a pleasure to hear the LSO and the London Symphony Chorus responding to an interpretation that placed musical values higher than superficial glitter. He brought out the troubled spirit at the heart of the work, while at the same time binding its overt emotional quality to harmonic and melodic purpose. A device new to me was to have the offstage trumpets in the "Dies irae" advance into the auditorium in two pairs from either side, intensifing the dramatic antiphony. There was no tolerance on the

conductor's part of any lazy accents in rhythmic attack and impetus from either instruments or voices. The chorus, in particular, sustained the courage of their convictions. Some of the finest solo singing was

to be heard from the lower voices. especially the beautifully rounded mezzo of Katherine Ciesinski in "Liber scriptus" and Robert Lloyd's grandly supplicatory bass in Confutatis". Sharon Sweet added a secure top line, and the youthful Vicente Ombuena represented the next in line of Spanish contenders for tenorial distinction.

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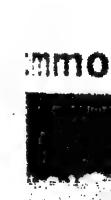
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# Down and out, then and now

Peter Lewis reports on a new stage adaptation of George Orwell's classic 1920s account of life on the streets of Paris and London

uch is the magnetism exerted by the name George Orwell that an adaptation of his first book, Down and Out in Paris and London, has attracted crowds wherever it has toured, not only in the audience, but on stage. At every town that the Paine's Plough Company has visited, the stage crowds of Paris kitchen-skivvies and London down-and-outs are supplied by up to 50 local members of the general public.

When the production opens at Riverside Studios.

Hammersmith, tonight, the crowd will include, as usual, a sprinkling of Orwell fanatics who have read everything he wrote and know his life backwards, like the taxi driver who spends every idle moment in his cab reading Orwell. Because of Equity rules, the

extras get no pay and no "lines" (they are allowed to "improvise" speech), but that does not deter the volunteers: after one radio advertisement they deluged the company's switchboard. There are no auditions — because nobody is turned down. They have to commit themselves, however, to appearing for at least one week of the three-week run.

In London and in Birmingham, the ranks of extras have been swelled by people who, while not actually homeless, know what it is like to sleep rough. Several are street entertainers or squatters, one was a well-to-do man who lost everything in middle-age and spent ten years on the streets of Birmingham; there, the "Theatre of the Unemployed" provided many of the crowd. In Hammersmith, many are local people who have never been on a stage before, while some are mature drama students.

Anna Furse, director of Paine's Plough and of the show, refuses to make a spectacle of the homeless. "It would be degrading and exploiting genuinely homeless

people to put them among professional actors who are not, and then say cheerio to them at the end. But one reason for staging Orwell's book is that it makes people sk themselves how we should respond as individuals to the

The difference between now and his time is that the people sleeping out are not mangy old tramps, but young people who want work or education. Now we are all confronted with poverty and we suffer from compassion

There is no way of comparing homeless figures now and in 1928-29 when Orwell was investigating the problem.
Shelter estimates that 2,000-3,000 people are sleeping rough in London and 5,000 more in the country. There is a gala performance of Down and Out in Paris and London on March 21 for Shelter's benefit.

Unusually, the production began in France when Paine's Plough was invited to open a new European Theatre Centre at Chalons-sur-Saone with a speciallyconceived work. Furse commissioned her resident writer, Nigel Gearing, to adapt Orwell's book into a script more in French than in English and advertised for bilingual actors.

Dans la dèche à Paris et à Londres proved that a French provincial audience was held by Orwell, even though the dialogue of English tramps was beyond their grasp. In England, the script became 90 per cent English, but after a visit to Glasgow, the show reforms to France.

Orwell's book bad a prolonged and difficult birth. When he wrote about his time in Paris in 1929, as a halfstarved dish-washer, he was told his text was too short for publication. So he added to it his experiences of common lodging houses, work-house spikes and life on the road,



Audience participation: in Paine's Plough's Orwell adaptation, members of the public play Paris kitchen-skivvies and London down-and-outs

with which he had been testing himself in borrowed tramp's clothing ever since he resigned in disgust from the Imperial Police in Burma.

Even so, the book was rewritten and rejected twice (once by T.S. Eliot). He finaly abandoned it at the house of a woman friend. He told her to throw it away, but keep the paper-clips, the only part of value. Instead, she persuaded an agent, who persuaded Victor Gollancz of its

It came out in 1933, but it was not until 1937, in The Road to Wigan Pler, that Orwell explained the feelings of guilt about his service in Burma, which had driven him to go tramping. "I wanted to submerge myself, to get right down among the oppressed, to be one of them, and on their side against their tyrants." Orwell found that down among the "lowest of the low" he was happy: "I had a feeling of release, of

his, as Nigel Gearing points out, makes Down and Out hard to adapt to the stage. "It's not a novel, it's a chronicle of a quixotic spiritual journey to the lower depths of society, which he made in the tradition of the eccentric English traveller. But the play debates, as he

did, the question of how much you help down-andouts by becoming one of

The final version has been shaped in rehearsal by the writer, director and cast of eight, who divide 54 parts between them. We have tried to theatricalise the book without betraying the au-thor's voice and to keep the wit and the pain in it." says Furse. "We didn't set out to create a conventional, wellmade play, but to conjure up his world and his crisis of

Would Orwell have apoved? He might well have liked the unorthodoxy of incorporating such numbers of

s the auto-didact a dodo?

Educational traditional-

us believe the species is ex-tinct. The days when working

men picked up Shakespeare and improved themselves,

they say, are long gone, overtaken by the irresistible

rise of television culture and the video philistine. A distin-

guished novelist told me the other day that Britain's cul-

tural impoverishment could be directly related to the decline of its evening classes.

Yet the reality is not so bleak. Six million Britons are

thought to be involved in

adult learning at the mo-ment, and this week their

achievements are being cele-

brated across the country in

the first Adult Learners' Week.

Television is playing its part with a series of special slots

plugging the "second

Last night's Channel 4 play, Homer and His Pi-

geons, dwelt wistfully upon

the challenge of education in

later life and the riches of "the

long and lonely self-tuition game". This gentle parable,

based on a true story, reflect-

ed on the lives of Des and

Colin, two childhood friends

from the Welsh valleys, and their spiritual debt to Homer.

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enthusiastic ordinary people. So far, they have demonstratassimilate all that they have to remember in three three-hour sessions with the company's deputy director. Roxana

"We do a lot of games and exercises to loosen people," she says. "We improvise each scene before they meet Anna and the actors. It's remarkable how quickly they mould themselves into a group. Visually, it's stunning to people the stage in a way that it seidom is nowadays.

There have been no disas ters so far. Nobody has failed to show up, or smiled and waved at their friends. "We

want them not to act, but to be themselves. In some ways, it's easier to direct people who have never tried than to direct amateurs who tend to try too

Orwell might be surprised that his seemingly unlucky first book would be filling theatres 60 years after he wrote it. "I hope he would approve," says Gearing. "The facts of continuing poverty and inequality have made the questions he asked about our responses more relevant than ever for public debate."

w Down and Out in Parm and London opens tonight at Riverside Studios, London W6 (081-748 3354) and runs until April 4.

**ARTS BRIEF** 

### Gallic choices

THERE were surprises and upsets at the French film awards, the Cesars, which were held last week in Paris. Maurice Pialat's painstaking Van Gogh, nominated for 11 awards, emerged with just one, for best actor (Jacques Dutronc). Instead, the film that swept the board was Alain Corneau's historical drama Tous les matins du monde, featuring Gérard Depardieu as the baroque composer Marin Marais. This won seven Cesars, including best film, best director, best photography and best supporting actress (Anne

The outrageous black comedy Delicatessen took four prizes: for best script, best editing, best set design and best first film. The Cesars are not usually regarded as the best form guide to the Oscars.

#### Playing safe?

AN UNUSUAL anniversary has been noted by the London Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra's American tour this spring will come almost exactly 80 years after its first transatlantic voyage in April 1912, when it became the first British orchestra to play in the United States. On that occasion, the tour schedule was altered at short notice: had it not been, the orchestra was booked to sail on the maiden voyage of a ship called the Titanic.

#### Cole curtailed

IN MANHATTAN a federal judge has upheld the right of the licensee to withhold per-formance permission for a gay, cross-gender production of Cole Porter's Anything Goes. The production had aiready run at Fire Island, New York, and the Alliance Theatre in Dallas before the licensee, Tams Witmark Musical Library, learned of the casting and declined to renew performance rights. "Cole Porter must be spinning in his grave," said the would-be producer, Donald Shea.

#### Max on canvas



A NEW portrait went on show at the Scottish National Portrait Gallery yesterday. It is of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Scotland's most famous composer-in-residence, painted by John Bellany, one of the country's most admired contemporary painters. Bellany, whose poster depicting Chinatown has been enlivening the London Underground for several months, has produced a typical tour de force: the impish-looking composer is described in glowing colours and trenchant brushwork This is an auspicious week for Orkney-based Maxwell Da-vies: the fifth and sixth of his Strathclyde Concertos will be premiered in Glasgow on

#### Last chance...

MORE than two hours of pastiche Molière in rhymed couplets, starting with a 25-minute monologue? It is impossible; and yet somehow the impossible works. David Hirson's La Bête, with Alan Cummings hilariously inventive as a literary poseur suffering from terminal logorrhea, is well worth catching before it closes at the Lyric, Ham-mersmith (081-741 2311) on

## TELEVISION REVIEW

## Night class passion

nity with his learning and freely-dispensed wisdom.

Poor old Homer breathes his last on an ill-fated visit to London to see Des play Toad in The Wind in the Willows, but returns from the other side to haunt his former charges as a sort of educative Banquo, urging them on to ever greater discovery. Karl Francis's direction

managed to keep the appari-tion's homilies just the right side of platitude and sentimentality. Thankfully, one came away without feeling unduly sermonised. The point — that education is personal and continuous rather than institutional was straightforward but sen-

sitively handled. Most interesting to me was Like the Methodist radicals of Homer sees self-instruction

vantage, a means of political of the working man bettering himself by reading and creating, and gets his neighbours to read the turbulent writings

of Proudhon and Mark, as well as the novels of Doubtless many workingclass communities in the age of heavy industry had their

Homers: local intellectual gurus who taught anyone who would listen and sent young and hopeful people on their own little Odysseys of the mind. Adult education in Britain today is better organised and involves more people than ever before. But the kind of visionary human-

the social subtext of the play. the 19th century and the workers who got their heads down in libraries during the General Strike of 1926, as a way out of social disad-

#### candlelight, learnt to paint THEATRE

# **Mixed reports**

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THIS late Pirandello is rarely performed and the reason is clear: the theme is interesting (moderately), but the method chosen to convey it relies to an extraordinary degree on reported speech. Not just reported action; a certain amount of this is inevitable, so that here we have to be told one way or another - actually about four times - that Bruno's wife Lucia was so savagely treated by Austrian officers occupying her villa in the first world war that she went mad. And disappeared. And has been given up for dead by all but her husband. And that the Unknown Woman dancing her life away in decadent

Berlin may be her. Is she or isn't she? That is the question Pirandello poses. The Unknown Woman poses it too because she cannot remember, though for a time she is prepared to be, as she tells Bruno, "as you desire me". But as soon

as the action moves back to Italy the curse of reported speech starts working. The method spreads a fog

of uncertainty across the play, doubtless the atmosphere Pirandello sought to engender. But unlike Anouilh's Traveller Without Baggage, which articulates a similar theme, or Pirandello's own Right You Are (If You Think So), the story of Lucia lacks dramatic thrust.

Perhaps in a more expansive production than this by Derek Wax for Power House Pictures, one where fewer actors appear to be reciting their lines, the issues of truth and variable personality might generate more in-terest. Yet I doubt it.

The Berlin act is absurd, with everyone ranting or sobbing; the Italian acts veer to the other extreme and are dull until the last ten minutes when the cast show conviction, notably Sandra Fox as the Unknown. One is grateful for this change but it comes far too late.

JEREMY KINGSTON

# Tomorrow

into the living room?

ism which saw great litera-ture as the great leveller does

seem to have had its day.

A question to ask in Adult Learners' Week is what new

patterns of local self-help will

emerge in our much more pluralistic, diffuse society. If

nothing else, we can be sure that television will play a vital role in it, as it is during this

special week-long campaign.

Who is to say that the video

cassette is not the best tool

with which to prise scholarship out of the ivory tower and

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#### GALLERIES

# Common places in colour



A sharp eye for the bizarre and the gaudy: Elvis's Grave, from William Eggleston's 1984 Graceland series

exist in photography, whether it be film or still: black and white equals grainy reality, colour signifies gilt on the gingerbread. His-torically, this is understandable, since black and white came first. But aesthetically, it is bizarre. After all, the real world is seen in colour. Reducing it to black and white must be an affectation. Yet even in the Seventies, when the American William Eggleston took up colour photography, it was something that had to be excused or specially

As far as can be discovered, Eggleston never thought that any justification was necessary, other than that he liked the way his colour photographs looked. He began conventionally enough around 1969 with colour transparencies, but in 1973 he discovered mention of dyetransfer printing in a laboratory price list and wondered what it looked like. The first dye-transfer prints he saw were, perhaps significantly. advertising photography.

iustified.

He loved the lurid, saturated colours. One of the first dye-transfer prints he made is in the retrospective show at the Barbican: The Red Ceiling (1973), in which the intense red of the ceiling in a friend's guest room, set off by

John Russell Taylor reviews a Barbican exhibition of the photographer William

Eggleston's lurid and surreal images

dream-like, or perhaps nightmarish, intensity. The picture is significant in other ways. It is wilfully

everyday - an unadorned picture of the unremarkable but the improvised electrical arrangements are recorded with the same fascinated scrutiny as another photographer would turn on a historical monument or a worldfamous beauty.

A certain amount of nonsense has been talked (sometimes by Eggleston himself) about the "democracy" of his vision. According to this, every image has equal value, based on refusal to discriminate between "important" and "unimportant" subjects. But after all, the photographer always makes the choice of what he thinks is worthwhile to turn his camera on. and it is perhaps necessary to insist that Eggleston is no

documentary realist. He began as a disciple of Walker Evans, who was also more of a chooser and arranger than at a glance he seems to be. But in Eggleston's pictures the celebration

white electric wires, has a of the ordinary and unremarked goes beyond the apparent realism of Evans; many of his pictures, such as that of the shoes and fluff under a bed. photographed from floor level, or the famous ones of the plastic dolls perched on a car radiator. look so closely at a tiny corner of reality that the effect is to make solid, mundane reality appear quite surreal.

> learly those in charge of Elvis Presley's mansion. Graceland, knew exactly what they were doing when they commissioned Eggleston to record it in 1984: he would not stint on the bizarre, but in a curious way he would take it straight, not send it up.

The most indicative series of all is probably his extensive Election Eve project of 1976 (the Election being Carter's) all done in Plains, Georgia, and showing better than anywhere else his view that everything is significant. He insists that he gets this effect by not using a view-finder: he calls these "shotgun pictures" because they were taken, he

alleges, as immediately and instinctively as he would shoot at a moving target without taking careful aim. In fact, the pictures of unimportant objects like an old petrol pump or a weed growing against an abandoned wood out-house work the other way round. They appear to be as meticulously composed as the pictures of "important" locations and things. Still, either way, equality rules.

Later he may become more ordinary: one photographer's view of exotic Egypt is liable to look much like another's. But in some ways this reflects the spread of his influence in the last 20 years, so that what then seemed extraordinary in his work has now entered the dialect of the tribe. However, these early works

have lost none of their ability to irritate and amaze. Even in London, even in 1989, he has retained all his skill in seeing what nobody else sees, and astonishing the world with his vision. ● Eggleston — Colour

Photographs: Ancient and Modern is at the Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London, EC2 (071-638-4141). Monday. Wednesday to Sazurday 10am-6.45pm; Tuesday 10am-5.45pm; Sunday 12-6.45pm; until May 4. Admission £4.50, concessions

# Method in her ministry

The first female president-elect of the Methodist Conference is a little surprised to have made it to the top. She speaks to Kate Muir

n George Eliot's Adam Bede, set in 1799, a Methodist woman, plainly dressed in black, stands in a cart on the village green and preaches to the assembled crowd of workmen and farmers. Banned from mainstream churches, the early Methodists, including the fictional Dinah Morris, found pulpits where they could.

Dinah begins the evening with a prayer "In a clear but not loud voice" with the story in St John: "When a poor woman, laden with sins, went out to the well to draw water, she found Thee sitting at the well." Jesus asks her for some water to drink, and in return offers her knowledge of "the water of life". Eliot observes that "nothing could be less like the ordinary type of the Ranter than Dinah. She was not preaching as she heard others preach, but speaking directly from her own emotions, and under the inspira-

tions of her own simple faith." Four years later, the 1803 Methodist Conference banned women preachers, and it was not until the 1970s that it allowed women to be ordained. The Rev Kathleen Richardson was the first married woman with children to become a minister, and in June will take up the year long post as the first female dent of the Methodist Conference — Methodist equivalent to the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury.

Last Sunday evening, Mrs Richardson was also preaching. Not in the open air, but in Sandal Magna Methodist Church in Wakefield. Her audience was far from rustic in pearls and suits, but she mirrored Dinah in her plain black garb, and the sermon began with the same reading from St John. "I've chosen this because it is one of the significant encounters between Jesus and a woman." she said, it being by coincidence a service to mark International Women's Day. Daring moves were afoot: the choir was women only, and the ushers were usherettes.

Mrs Richardson's sermon was quite radical, too, going straight from Jacob's well of The Bible to its present site next to a beleaguered West Bank refugee camp. Her calm, smooth words, coupled with her close cap of silver hair and fine bones framed in black, mesmerised the largely pensionable congregation.
"Kathleen Richardson has

an immaculate capacity to turn thought into speech; she manages to be simple and profound without it becoming a cliche," says a senior Methodist. She is expected to make an exceptional president in her year of office. People behave themselves in her presence. They feel they're heard by her in meetings, and she does not let the intensity of church life distance her from what's going



Kathleen Richardson at Sandai Magna methodist church, Wakefield: 'I feel that what I represent is the very stuff and bones of Methodism, the ordinary part'

From such an introduction. piety would be expected to ooze from her every pore. Instead, Mrs Richardson is thoroughly down to earth. The interview is conducted at her suggestion during a walk in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and over custard tarts in Othello's cafe in Wakefield.

As for the presidency, "I see the year as part of the affirmation of women's ministry. and affirmation of the very ordinary local aspects of the church and its community. I feel what I represent is the very stuff and bones of Methodism, the ordinary part."

#### At 54, she is rather sur-'I believe all Christian people prised to find herself at the top of the pile, and says she is must be political, because the not at all pushy. That lack of ambition and self-consciousworld is run through politics' ness seem to give her a natural confidence. She is not afraid, unlike many of the

clergy, to talk about politics. "I believe all Christian people church can't or won't. In a sense we've nothing to lose must be political, because the we don't have any govern-ment sponsorship or big world is run through politics. So long as we deal with issues names who give us money, so and not the politicians themperhaps we can afford to be selves, I feel we can speak our more honest. minds. After all, John Wesley [Methodism's founder] started with a feeling that the Naturally, John Major's lottery has taken a siamming

from the Methodists for being a "cop-out" which takes from the poor instead of the wealthy. Mrs Richardson says, however, that the days of the barning of church Indeed, Mrs Richardson's tombolas are in decline. Stark, table-thumping Methodism, as featured in Jeanette mer president Dr John Vin-Winterson's novel, Oranges are Not the Only Fruit, cent, regularly spoke out against Margaret Thatcher's policies, particularly those on poverty and unemployment. Can we expect her to do the makes her recoil.

Mrs Richardson is keen on ecumenical work. She has to be, as congregations decline and churches close or amalgamate - there are about 1.25m Methodists left in Britain. She is the chairman of West Yorkshire Methodist district "I'm a rubber band holding 210 churches together." With high unemployment, the area was finding it hard to bring in ministers never mind worshippers, but

Mrs Richardson has proved a

"Numbers are going down, but there is a feeling of confidence. People are not there because the mill owner or their parents tell them. They're there of their own volition." Although congregations are getting older, the Methodists have seen a religious revival among young parents searching for guid ance. The most successful churches have been the Pentecostals. "They offer simple answers and certainty. Perhaps they see us as a bit

For instance, the Methodists have been less than definite on the matter of homosexuality. A committee which represented all shades of opinion emerged "with no clear mind", and the matter is now being re-discussed. There are one or two ministers who have declared their homosexuality. "It is considered as one aspect of their personality, and it depends on how well they deal with it."

up 9 per cent of Methodist ministers. compared with the Anglicans, who still ban women's ordiwho still pan women's ordination. Wesley might approve of the latter. He warned his disciples to "converse sparingly and cautiously with women". Mrs Richardson believes he intended by that to been his women ministers calikeep his young ministers celibate before ordination: Wesley certainly encouraged women preachers, and they were not banned until after

Celibacy was also expected of deaconesses when Mrs Richardson started training in 1961 for the only job open to her. But she fell in love and left on marriage, returning when the ministry opened to women. Her husband has a brain cyst and can no longer work, so she and her daughters share that responsibility. When I discovered Wesley said he hadn't travelled one mile less or preached one word less than if he'd never married, I thought that was sad. What a waste

Aithough fond of the Wesley brother's hymns, she is still irked by some of the language, and quietly substitutes "people" for "man-kind". She draws the line at Our Mother which art in Heaven", though. "You have to be very careful where you use that," she laughs.

She feels that the argument over women priests is rather a distraction when there is more important work to be done. As she says to Anglican women-in-waiting: "One day your Church will catch up with what God is doing."

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ing the Methodist Church

speak out."

Rayner, agony aunt, interviews a number of women in: a studio about the new Vespre Silhouette sanitary towel. An ink test (blue) shows how absorbent the new towels are, and Mrs Rayner holds one up to show its innovative shape "with wings".

This is a format taken directly from the marketing of nappies — a simple, climical-looking demonstration backed up by testimonials from satisfied customers. But if Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency that made the advertisement, thought the formula was safe. thought the formula was safe, it has slammed against one of our few remaining taboos. This is definitely in the We Don't Want To Hear About

It department.
So far, the Independent
Television Commission
(ITC), which regulates an British commercial television, has received 227 complaints about the Vespre advertise-ment. This year, only the notorious Citroen commercial in which a woman is abducted in the back of a car, has invoked more wrath. ITV is not allowed to show the Vespré adverts between 4 and opm, on weekends or public holidays. Channel 4 has no time restrictions, and has shown the commercial be-

tween 5 and 6pm.
Very nearly all the complainants were women, em-barrassed at having to explain what the advert was about to their children.

"I want to explain periods to my children when I feel they are ready to know - and I don't need TV adverts to force it on me," wrote Mrs Thompson, of Stoke-on-

Of course, for the children of parents who do not feel their offspring are ready to know about periods until they are about 25, the advertise-

Why some viewers find television advertising for sanitary products either embarrassing or confusing



Safe formula? Claire Rayner is the famous face in the television advertisement for Vespre

ments may prove useful. "If you read the problem pages, there are still girls writing in asking if their nosebleeds are part of their period," says Esme Newton-Dunn, a spokeswoman for Johnson & Johnson, which makes Vespre Silhouettes. What has upset people here is that Claire Rayner talks about everything in an earthy, practical way. She holds up the product and says This is it, this is what you do with it."

"Rayner Terror" ran the headline in the Brighton Evening Argos. The agony aunt is, almost by definition, unembarrassable, and the British take embarrassment seriously. Many women fiercely defend their privacy: they don't want women's

things aired in public. The ITC did not uphold the objections to the Vespré commercial, as it found nothing "anti-social, immoral, hurtful or, by most conventional standards, indecent" in the content. However, in its Janu-

ary complaints report, it acknowledges the need to revise the guidelines on "sanpro" (sanitary products) advertising, to give manufacturers an opportunity to explain the products without putting the audience off their TV dinner.

aatchi's new commersaicht s new commar-cial for Vespré Ultra is marginally more coy than the Claire Rayner approach, using computer ani-mation for the ink demonstration. When it was first screened last month, the company received 1,000 calls a day for free samples. The seemingly sudden pro-

liferation of sanpro commercials is not due to any relaxation of the rules governing television advertising. Sanpro advertisements have been shown on British television since 1986, and 18 months ago the rules were relaxed so that the product was allowed to be shown outside its packet. The

panding market. "There are now dozens of different products covering a wide range of functions," says Sue Byrne, a market research consultant.

The market is getting ahead

of social taboo." Kimberley Clark hit on the first successful marketing strategy in the 1950s, when it portrayed sanpro as a medical requirement, and created Nurse Buckley to sell it. The product was sold in unmarked packets with a collection box beside the shelf to spare the embarrassment of going to the counter.

Since then, advertisers have continued to play safe, emphasising "lifestyle" and disguising the product without so much as mentioning what it is. The manufacturers know their market: they are talking to the women who don't talk about it - and they know who they are.

These "lifestyle" commercials employ an impressive range of euphemism. Guidelines issues to the Association

of Sanitary Protection Manufacturers include certain words which are not to be used, such as "leakage", "soiled", "bulky" or "clean". The point is to avoid talking about the Thing Itself: the catchwords are "confidence" and "freshness".

ne Tampax commercial uses the expression "your time" in a conspiratorial tone, freezeframing action shots with the catchline "Don't let time stop for you". Two men watched the advertisement and con-fessed they had no idea what it was for. The latest commercial for Simplicity features a woman who walks about doing assertive things like buying drinks, stopping the traffic and helping a man in distress. The advert has the euphemistic catchline "Take everything in your stride".

A commercial for Bodyform, showing a bold and frightfully glamorous woman jumping out of an aeroplane, uses the symbolic safety harness to explain the benefits of the product. But with all these clever charades to befuddle male and young viewers, one does not always connect the advert with the product.
"Those catchy little tunes are

a nightmare," Deborah, a radio reporter, says. "I find myself singing 'Wooca Body-fo-orm' in public." This sort of advertising is

aimed at telling you the product doesn't exist," says Bernadette Vallely, of the Women's Environmental Network, and also the author of The Sanitary Protection Scandai. "They can't mention words like 'blood'. They also tell you that you will be able to hang glide and swim the Channel and all those other things women feel like doing during a period."

Perhaps this mystifying strategy explains why now, every time a woman floats across the screen with a knowing look, some viewers assume it is an advertisement for Tampax - when in fact they are being sold a car, or a

holiday in the Algarve. CLARE LONGRIGG

AND BRIEFLY

Guide to

Budget

THE National Alliance of

Women's Organisations has long been demanding a 'gen-

der analysis' of Budgets and other public expenditure

statements. Jane Grant, the

alliance's director, says: "We

talked to John Major about

one when he was Chancel-

lor." She adds that the group

showed a copy of "the wom-en's budget statement issued in Australia and Canada" to

Gillian Shephard, Under

Secretary of State for Social

Security. "She said this sort of thing was only possible in a small country, but we will

continue to press for it. It's

not separate 'his and her' budgets but a statement showing the impact of the

Budget on childcare, bene-

fits for part-time workers, maternity leave and tax allow-ances. We'd like every woman

to ask her MP for one."

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ranging from old ploys (re-

moving temptation, quitting with a friend) to nicotine

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cassette, which talks smokers

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LOW-ENERGY lightbulbs used to be hard to find and

difficult to fit, but they are increasingly accessible and easy to use. They may seem

expensive, but can save money and energy resources in the long-run. A Mazda Low En-

ergy 14-watt bulb costs around £10 with a reusable

adaptor (replacement bulbs

£5.99) from supermarkets such as Tesco, Asda and Safeway, and specialist shops. Its manufacturers claim it will save more than

£14 over the eight standard

60-watt lightbulbs it replaces.

plan, costs £2.

Light facts

# My husband behind enemy bars

Margaret Mather tells how, on the eve of the Falklands conflict, her British husband was in prison in Argentina accused of being a spy

he first warning came in a phone call from my husband's newspaper. The tone was a little too casual. Ian and two other British journalists had not been heard from for several days. There was nothing to worry about, I was told.

MANAGER WARREN

In March 1982 my husband had been covering a Nato meeting in the United States, in his capacity as defence and diplomatic correspondent for The Observer, when the newspaper sent him to cover the Falklands conflict from Argentina.

He arrived in Argentina on April 2 and, together with a photographer from his paper and a journalist from The Sunday Times, he had decided to travel down the eastern seaboard to see if an Argentinian air-force pilot would be willing to fly them to the Falklands, which the Argentinians had just invaded.

My husband, an experienced foreign correspondent, had gone missing before for a few days at a time. He was sure to turn up, I thought. The British task force had only just set sail. If there was to be fighting over the Falk-lands it would be some time before it started.

But as time went by and there was still no word from Ian my sense of foreboding increased. Then one night at around 10pm our younger daughter rushed into the bedroom. "It's on the radio. Daddy's in prison in a place called 'Shia'. Do they execute people for spying in

Argentina?"
"Of course they don't." I assured her. But really I had no idea. I did not know much about Argentina. But what little I did know was not exactly reassuring. Argentina was the country in which thousands of people had disappeared during the so-called

Dirty War". Ian and his two colleagues were in prison in Ushuaia, in Tierra del Fuego. The Argen-tine government had been holding them for a week while denying all knowledge of their whereabouts. Now they were charged with espionage under section 224 of the Argentine Penal Code.

got out an atlas, and discovered that Ushuaia was the most southertown in the world, over 8,000 miles away. It seemed impossibly remote. How on earth were we going

to get him out?
Yet there were grounds for optimism. Ian was to be interrogated by a judge in a preliminary hearing. People were confident that he would then be expelled. The Argentines were expelling other foreign journalists who were arrested in sensitive areas. The three British journalists worked for two national newspapers. Surely, the papers would have enough influence to get them deport-

ed immediately?
Finding a lawyer who would defend the three was not easy as most law firms in Argentina were unwilling to risk taking on three citizens of the enemy as their clients. But In the end Willi Balaban, an Argentinian of Romanian extraction, agreed to take the case. Señor Balaban travelled from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and prepared an excellent detailed defence, which he thought it prudent to preface with a lengthy statement of his own patriotism.

My husband, he told the judge, was a newspaper "fire-man". "That is to say he specialises in reporting about areas in the world where the situations are particularly tense. He has been to Cuba, Afghanistan, Libya and Iran among other places.

He described how Ian had been diverted by his newspaper to Argentina and that "the data in his notebook is relevant to his journalistic interest in the situation".

But, of course, there was one vital difference between Ian's case and that of other journalists arrested in Argentina at that time. Ian was

On April 18, a colleague called from Ushuaia, where he had been sent by the two papers to follow the hearing. l've got some bad news," he said. After a three-day preliminary hearing the judge had decided that there was a case to answer, and that the three would be put on trial for espionage. The judge stated that he believed that they had been "acting more as defenders of Britain than as professional journalists".

My heart sank. The task force was now closing in. Diplomatic efforts to avoid conflict had collapsed. From

then on I followed every detail of the conflict, just as those who had loved ones with the task force must have been

I threw myself into the burgeoning campaign by the two newspapers and other journalists to secure the release of the three men. It was decided to use the resources of the two newspapers to bom-bard the Argentinian government with protests from news organisations and humanrights organisations. Readers were invited to write to the prison, via the two newspa-pers, but many of the letters did not appear to be getting through. Ian discovered that prison warders were keeping them for the value of the stamps from Britain. So he promised that any warder who brought letters to his cell could keep the envelope and the stamps. This seemed to

the end of April, Argentina had de-dared the whole of its southern region a war zone, and it became impossible for anyone to reach Ushuaia from Buenos Aires. We came to rely on two women who lived in Ushuaia, an Argentinian teacher of Eng-lish literature and a British woman married to an Argentinian, who were prepared to risk local ire to visit the three and keep us informed about their condition. A BBC team, deverly chosen for their South African passports, had been allowed to remain in Ushuala. They visited my husband in the prison twice a

heard of Ushuaia until a few months earlier I came to know it intimately. Colleagues of Ian sent postcards and street maps, and those who had visited him even drew plans of the prison showing the cell Ian was occupying.
Ushuaia is in a beautiful

setting on the Beagle Chan-nel surrounded by snowcovered mountains, the sort of place that looked ideal for an outdoor holiday. Yet my husband was cooped up with two others in one small cell measuring six feet by nine

My bedroom was now piled. with papers connected with the campaign. But I tried to maintain an air of normality. I continued with my teaching at Middlesex Polytechnic, even though my large group of art therapy students was getting increasingly short shrift. I was forced to abandon temporarily my Open University studies. Our elder daughter, in her second year at Oxford, would come home for regular first-hand

briefings.
Then the Swiss govern-ment, which by this time was representing British interests in Argentina, succeeded in negotiating with the Argentine government the right for me to phone my husband at the jail once a week. The call



Sometimes the authorities did not honour the 15 minuter time allowance. It all denended on who was on duty in the prison communications room. Some of the prison officers had strong feelings about the fighting. After all, the General Belgrano, the Argentinian

cruiser sunk on May 2 by the Royal Navy with the loss of hundreds of lives, had sailed from Ushuaia on its last Every time they refused to allow us to talk I phoned the Foreign Office to complain. They would take up the matter with the Swiss, who contacted the Brazilian government which was acting on

rcuitous as that.
Gradually the prison authorities began to appear more relaxed, so much so that I inadvertently mentioned to

who waits. Argentina's behalf. It was as

extra clothing and supple-ments to the meagre diet.

Ushuaia airbase and snowy peaks: a view from the jail

British time on Thursdays, and we were allowed to talk for up to 15 minutes provided peither of us made any reference to the military situation. Getting through was not

easy. My fingers would be-come sore with the repeated dialling, and sometimes it would be 2am before I succeeded. I would try through the operator, only to find that the Argentinian operators would often refuse to put the call through. As soon as it was mentioned that the call was from London the line would go dead. Sometimes we would try getting through via Ireland or Paris, and once when an Argentinian opera-tor asked: "Is that London?" the British telephone operator answered in a perfect Australian accent. "No mate.

calling." I was put through. I learned a few key words. "Esposa, esposa," (wife) I would shout when I eventually got through to the prison.

this is Melbourne Australia

lan that John Nott, then defence secretary, sent his best wishes. "I hardly know him." Ian replied sharply. I worried all night whether I had got him into trouble. Fortunately, the Argentinians made nothing of it.

The foreign journalists covering the war from Argentina, who since Ian's trip to the south were now all corralled in the Sheraton Hotel in Buenos Aires, ensured that every time an Argentinian minister gave a press conference anywhere in the world he was asked a question about the three journalists in prison in his country.

Efforts were made at the United Nations, and also through the Pope who visited Britain and then Argentina. We were assured that the Pope raised the matter with General Galtieri. William Rogers, an American lawyer who had been President Carter's under-secretary for Latin America, was hired by the

his high-level contacts with South American governments to lobby for their

In Britain I was interviewed regularly on the radio, and on one occasion I even managed to use my weekly call to Ian to do a quick erview with him for the BBC Today programme. The local newspaper from Ian's home town in Lancashire called. I told them I didn't want an article about the agony of the wife who waits. Inevitably, their headline was: "The agony of the wife

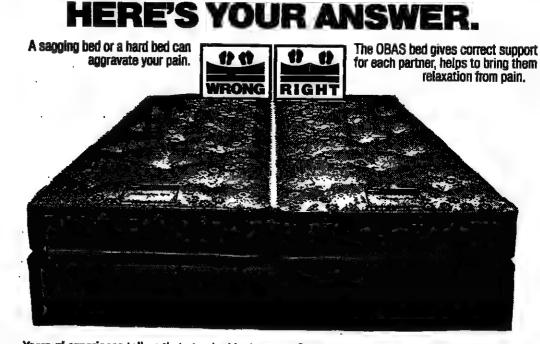
I knew from my talks with lan that the campaign had produced one vital result. The judge told Ian he had received over 600 messages of protest from all over the world. Consequently, instructions were sent to the prison ordering that the three should be given proper treatment (at one stage all reading material had been taken away). We found ways to send parcels to the prison containing books,

s the weeks went by it became increasingly clear that my husband's fate was inextricably linked to the fighting. The nagging question was how the Argentinians would react to their defeat, which seemed only a matter of time. Would they seek revenge on any British citizens under their control?

Eventually, after the Argentinian surrender in the Falklands on June 14. Señor Balaban managed to reach Ushuaia once again. The judge, weary of being born-barded with protests, agreed to bail (\$10,000 for my husband alone). There was a further agonising week while. arrangements were completed for the money to be delivered to the court. Then, three months after Ian's arrest, the judge signed an order releasing the three jour-nalists on bail with permission to leave the country.

For the last time I phoned the prison, just to make sure. voice shouted back in Spanish a phrase I will never forget: "No son aqui. Libertad." They are not here. Freedom.

• A film of Ian Mather's return to Ushuaia last year will be shown as the second of a five-part series, Falklands War Stories, on BBC 2, 9.30pm, Thursday, March



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# Let's revisit Brideshead

Allan McKeown asks why you can buy second-hand cars but are denied repeats of old television favourites by the

**BBC** and ITV

roadcasters have somehow convinced the British public that having too many channels will lower the quality of television programmes. In fact, although you must be selective, and own a dish, this is not true. Everyone can see the value of dedicated sport, news and film channels, but the most obvious channel is missing. Britain has a rich heritage of classic "used" television pro-grammes, and viewers like to watch repeats - provided they are good programmes and were not shown last

Recently, the vintage series of Porridge and Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em scored far higher ratings than some new, first-run comedy series. Why not have a station dedicated to showing our most popular programmes of proven high quality? Channel 5 would be ideal. A format of locally owned stations airing predominantly used pro-grammes has, however, been passed over by the Independent Television Commission. This is a great shame.

In America, the market for used programmes is the engine that drives the television industry. The networks do not pay producers the full cost of original programming if the programmes can be re-peated in the used or secondarv market.

Hit series are sold to nonnetwork or local stations, which play the episodes nightly for 13 weeks; 65 shows is the minimum needed for the viewer to "find" the programme in what they call syndication.

The revenue generated from such long-running hit series pays the producer for his deficits, his flops, and for the development of new programmes. The viewer gets original programming on the networks with high produc-tion value as well as the opportunity to view missed episodes in syndication again and again. Lucy, Dick Van Dyke and, I'm pleased to say my wife Tracey Ullman, will live forever, performing to large audiences in syndication.

Why is there resistance to this ecologically sound recycling of our national programming? The best of our television is a national asset.



Classic case: Anthony Andrews and Jeremy Irons in the much-loved Granada production of Brideshead Revisited

much of which we paid for, or at least our parents paid for. Many new operators are eager to join the Astra satellite and offer classic television channels. Unfortunately, two large libraries are controlled by the two large broadcasters, BBC and ITV.

The BBC will not sell old programmes because it is nervous of losing audience share and its claim to a national licence fee. ITV will not sell because it does not want to help a competitor who may ultimately threaten its advertising monopoly. Indeed, there are some in the new ITV system who are calling for ITV Netco-funded production companies and programmes to be held back in perpetuity.

Not only the viewers suffer from the broadcasters' attempt to slow the inevitable

multi-channel future of British television. The independent producer who creates a serie, cannot profit from a successful show if there is no secondary market in Britain. A production fee is paid on bad series as well as good.

he hmadcaster ends up paying more than the true cost of the programme by paying a production fee. In return, he retains the right to screen the programme in Britain, which effectively stops its re-transmission on curtails the earnings of the writers, producers, directors and actors who could carn royalties from repeats.

So, there will be no eve-

nings spent quietly watching Hancock at 7pm, followed by Porridge, then Auf Wiedersehen, Pet at 8pm. Brideshead Revisited at 9pm. the Raj Quartet at 10pm and Monty Python at 11pm. There will be no half past six date every night of the week with On the Buses or Birds of a Feather, no weekends with specials of Civilisation or World in Action historical episodes. We can see old films but not old television. In terms of popular culture, it is

utive officer of SelectV, executive producer of four series currently airing in the UK; Lovejoy, Birds a tragedy.

The BBC and ITV will remain our broadcasters of original programming but Man in the United States. Mr McKeown and Selectly were they must not be allowed to stop the re-transmission of founders of Meridian, which reold classics. Viewers want to cently won the franchise for the South and Southeast of England watch their favourite shows again. Independent produc-tion companies will never January.

on Sky One's "steamy new Aussie adult soap", share-holders of British Sky Broadcasting who gambled £1.5 billion on the six-channel satellite service, are celebrating their own good fortune.

BSkyB has achieved a small operating profit almost a year ahead of its original forecasts. Seventeen per cent of the population is now tuning in for World Cup cricket, Hollywood block-buster films, 24-hour news, old comedy classies and entertainment like Studs, its new "outrageously rannely"

new "outrageously raunchy" dating game, which "dares to tread where no relationship game has gone before". Before combined losses of £10 million a week dictated the merger of Sky Television and British Satellite Broadcasting 16 months ago, few media pundits or City investment analysts were prepared to risk their reputations sing-ing satellite's praises. On Monday, when BSkyB re-vealed weekly operating prof-its of £100,000, executives

ust as a E3 million lot-tery win transforms the lives of the Taylor family

its of £100,000, executives were treating themselves to the proverbial last laugh.

BSkyB now reaches 2.9 million British homes, with 78,000 satellite dishes sold in February. Another 26,000 dishes have since been sold because of BSkyB's success in outbidding the BBC for exclusive rights to the cricket in Australia and New Zealand. With the chance that England will make it to the England will make it to the March 25 final, BSkyB is expecting another rush of dish sales.

BSkyB reached 2.87 million British homes, 73 per cent of which had bought satellite dishes. Within the next three years, between six and seven pected to subscribe, according to several independent forecasts. Continental Research expects a total of eight million homes (36 per cent)

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to be hooked up by 1995; Morgan Stanley and Saatchi & Saatchi forecast respecper cent) and 9.2 million homes (41 per cent).

Viewing figures are also encouraging, despite persis-tent criticism for cheap Australian and American programming. Broadcasting Audience Research Board (Barb) research shows that BSkyB gets 31.7 per cent of the viewing in homes with dishes or cable, compared to ITV and Channel 4's combined share of 32.6 per cent and the BBC's share of just

27.3 per cent.

The next two years of instability for both ITV and the BBC represents an enormous opportunity for Sky," says Gary Davey, the deputy chief executive. Keen to counter the widespread perception that satellite TV is necessarily downmarket, Mr Davey points out that 13 per cent of Sky's viewers are ABC1s in line with the

broadcasting average. In addition, 21 per cent of Sky's viewers are aged 16 to 34. Britain's largest advertis-ers, including Unilever, Proc-

tor & Gamble and Halifax. have been quick to recognise this. They are taking advantage of advertising rates 20 per cent lower than ITV's. Tony Vickers, group sales and marketing director, says Sky earns £1 million a week in advertising revenue.

Subscription revenue has reached £3.8 million a week. and BSkyB has been encouraged by the fact that 80 per cent of its new subscribers are taking both scram-bled movie channels. Even a significant price rise for the Movie Channel and Sky Movie Channet and sky Movies Plus has not dented viewer loyalty: only I per cent of Sky's subscribers cancelled when the price of one channel rose by 20 per cent to £11.99 and the price of both channels rose by 13 per cent to £16.00. cent to £16.99.

Mr Davey has promised that as profits increase, BSkyB will start spending money on original British drama and comedy. He would not specify, however, when that might be. BSkyB's main shareholders — News International, which publishes The Times. Pearson. Granada and Chargeurs - are still owed £1.28 billion. Interest on this is £2.8 mil-

lion a week. But City analysts are predicting annual operat-ing profits of £50 million by next year. As the number of viewers

grows, however, executives are pondering a possible re-examination of cross-media ownership laws that allow News International its 50 per cent stake in BSkyB. Labour has pledged a Monopolies and Mergers Commission referral, while the Tories have said that they will rethink the laws when BSkyB's viewers number

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# rating Honest images beat donor fatigue on involving people in the effort

white hand contains hidden, yet powerful, message. Photographs of a helpless, undeveloped Africa have long been used to evoke the pity of a paternalistic developed world by

aid agencies trying to help.
Yet these stereotypical images
often belittle and offend the very people that the millions of pounds raised each year by Britain's relief agencies and charities are intended to help.

 Advertisements portraying individual white aid workers as sav-iours of a helpless African community belie the fact that the overwhelming number of aid workers are black Africans. The central role that African villagers play in the improvement of their own lives is rarely, if ever, acknowledged by Western charity actvertisements, newspapers or television newscasts.

Moreover, photographs of starv-ing children no longer have the power they once had. Twenty years of seeing the same images are discouraging potential donors, who increasingly feel their money is having little effect.

British aid agencies are now reviewing their advertising pracmonth became the first British harity to issue guidelines to its the training to the government of the combat stereotypical and inaccurate im-

ages in its advertising campaigns.

Most of our aid workers are local people, not expats. We stress local people, not expans, we sales local peoples' part in responding to famine," says Don Redding, says of strong active and "Images of strong, active and x1; dynamic white aid workers contrasted with helpless, apathetic and miserable Africans are inaccurate. It made us look at whether · · · · we were working in line with our own values."

The guidelines show how photographers and camera crews manipulate images of Africans. In one example, a Western cameraman is photographed filming a starving black child, who has been deliberately separated from his be counter-productive as well as inaccurate. Melinda Wittstock and Michael Dynes look at aid agencies' efforts to improve



New tone: agencies are avoiding images which deliberately shock

mother and placed on his own on a barren landscape specifically to highlight his vulnerability. "Situations like this, where a child has been put on display, rob the subject of dignity and humanity. When the medium becomes more important than the subject, it can undermine or distort a person or a situation and deliver the wrong-message," the guidelines say. Similarly, a photograph of an solated Vietnamese infant made

her look lost and vulnerable. But the guidelines show how the photograph had been cropped, cutting out her smiling mother. destroying its factual accuracy". Save the Children has told its staff to avoid text and images "selected solely for shock value", as well as "patronising, mawkishly sentimental or demeaning words

or phrases". Pictures of weak, sick or dying victims of famine must not be used out of context.

A recent campaign for victims of famine in Ethiopia and Sudan utilising photographs of celebrities pledging to "skip a lunch to save a life" raised £5 million, double the amount anticipated. Research conducted by Ogilvy and Mather after the campaign showed that people were "fed up with photo-graphs of starving children," Mr Redding says.
Pictures of distended bellies

stress the urgency of need, but that is not a strong motivation for potential donors because the African famine no longer comes as a surprise, Ogilvy and Mather said. On the other hand, a campaign which assumed Britons already understood the need and focused

Tricia Spanner of Oxfam. which has also issued internal guidelines. says: "There is a common perception among charities that they can raise more money if they use these negative images. Bur things have changed: people are getting tired of those images. They want to see their money put to a good use."

Both Oxfam and Save the

Children say newspapers and television should also rethink the images and storylines used in reporting farnines, wars and disasters. "The media have done little if mything to examine or criticise their own approach to less powerful groups of people, and charities are still faced with the necessity to work with and through a press and broadcast industry which stereotypes and degrades the people whom charities serve," Mr Redding says.

omestic charities, par-ticularly those helping the disabled, are also coming under pressure. The Advertising Standards Authority, which has rebuked charities for "shock tactics", says too many charities for the disabled are offending those they are trying

Caroline Crawford, the ASA's spokeswoman, says: "A bone mar-row charity ran what we thought was a very offensive advert which said: 'Donating bone marrow hurts like hell. Donating money is absolutely painless'. We received many complaints from parents of children needing bone marrow transplants saying that donating bone marrow was not painful and that the advert would discourage potential donors. The advert ofended those it was trying to help." The authority, however, has no

guidelines in its code of practice for dealing with images from developing countries. But it does advise all charities not to offend

those they are trying to help.

"Evidence is beginning to suggest that shock tactics backfire and stereotypical images of helpless, starving children just lead to donor fatigue," Ms Crawford says.



Shifting attitudes: Save the Children's guidelines throw doubt on the value of images such as this

#### Comedy must be more than funny to attract future audiences

delevision comedy, like nostaigia, is doomed for ever to be not what it was. In the popular consciousness, new programmes never quite reach the heights of Favily Towers, Morecombe and Wise or just about anything that Frank Mulrintroduces in Channel 4's Saturday Towers, day TV Heaven retrospectives.

"Great comedy is like great pop music." Laurence Marks, one half of comedy writing team Marks and Gran which has recently produced Love Hurts, So You Think You've Got Troubles, and The New Statesman, says. "You can always remember where you were and what you were doing when the programmes were on."

With the retirement this sum-mer of Robin Nash, the BBC's head of comedy, one of the most important power bases in British comedy is up for grabs. "It is the most important job in British television," Mr Marks says. "Comedy is the making of television, ge it right and the evening works. When our Birds of a Feather was switched from a Monday night it 'won' Sanurday evenings for The 'won' Saturday evenings for BBC against ITV." Catch them early, it

seems, and the night is yours. The appointment is important, but the job is not now as powerful as it once was. These days both Jonathan Powell and Alan Yentob, controllers respectively of BBC! and BBC2, often commis-

bion new programmes themselves. I'm not sure that it isn't two jobs these days," Seamus Cassidy, commissioning editor for entertainment at C4 says. "BBC1 and BBC2 are making such different comedy - no longer the simple alternative versus mainstream and BBC2 is now very innovative."

The problem for the BBC is that any successful, talented, young comedy director would take such

# Serious funny



Stephen Fry: part of comedy's bright new breed

an enormous cut in salary to take the job. "My shortlist would be Richard Curtis, John Lloyd, Humphrey Barday, Vernon Lawrence and Maurice Gran, but I don't think any of them would take the job," Mr Marks says. The good ones are probably earning more than £100,000 a year with their commercial output and independent commissions. Most are said to have been offered the BBC position and declined.

The role is a double-edged sword, John Howard Davies, of Thames Television, says. For seven years, he ran the BBC's comedy department and commissioned shows such as Yes Minister. Bread, and To The Manor Born. "You are caught between the hammer of the public and the arryll of the controller. When a show is successful the actors and

writers get the credit, when it stinks they blame you."

Mr Gran says that television comedy also suffers from snobbery both within the Corporation and outside. He cites last weekend's Did You See? on BBC2. "It angers Dusiness the flippancy with which comedy is quickly derided, we had Edna Healey talking about Mulberry [BBC1's new Monday night comedy written by The Good Life team Esmonde and Conductive team esmonde and the second state that the conductive team conductive team. Larbey for a moment, and then we were off on to hours of The Camomile Lawn, just because it has Sir Peter Hall directing."

The biggest difficulty in largely conservative mainstream scheduling is tolerance, something which Mr Davies says that ITV, driven by its advertising needs, is bad at. "It took two series of The Good Life before it really took off," he says, in a reminder that audience loyalty has to be won.

Robin Nash told me that he had 22 new series out last year, that's a fabulous amount, but I don't see too many new names," Mr Cassidy says, "but to give him his due, he is one of the few from his generation I see going to lousy clubs to hear comedians during the Edinburgh Festival."

So what is the future? "If I knew I wouldn't be a comedy writer, I'd be God," Mr Gran says. "All ! know is that the next generation of John O'Sullivans and Clement and La Frenais's must be found.'

Mr Cassidy says: "They should turn BBC radio much more into an apprenticeship for television, but making sure that when the switch is made it is innovative. There's nothing that the Mary Whitehouse Experience is doing that wasn't done by Who Dares Wins seven or eight years ago."

ROBIN HUNT

# A bit of fun on the side

Many British readers take more

than one newspaper a day, and their support helps\_keep

the market healthy

n average; more than 14 million national newspapers are sold each day and more than 16 million papers each Sunday. Yet the national enthusiasm of the British public

for their newspapers is shown not only by the sheer volume sold, but also by the number of different newspapers an "average will look at during the day. Latest figures released by the National Readership Survey over the whole of 1991 demonstrate

this duplication between different titles on an average day, proving that despite the recession many people are still reading more than

"Duplicate" readership is affected by the work or home environment in which the newspaper is read, and the relationship between a publication and its readers. On average, men are more likely to read more than one title than women, while business people will read both for work and for pleasure.

The "workplace" nature of popular newspapers is such that on an average day about a quarter of The Sun readers will also read the Daily Mirror, and 30 per cent vice-versa, while more than half

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the Daily Star's more transient readers will also read The Sun. Among business people, three-quarters of Financial Times readers read another daily — most probably The Times, The Daily Telegraph, or the Daily Mail — but more than a sixth also seek an alternative to the minutiae of the stock market in the comforting

pages of The Sun. Among readers of The Times, one in eight or more will also read The Daily Telegraph, The Guard-ian, The Independent, the Daily Mail, the Daily Express, The Sun, or the Daily Mirror.

The picture is similar for the other qualities, although The Daily Telegraph's older readers tend to be more set in their ways. As might be expected, readers of mid-market titles such as the Daily Mail and the Daily Express especially their women readers) tend not to aspire so much to a heavier read, but may be tempted by the other title or a more

popular paper. Sunday has traditionally been a day for reading several news-

and the lack of interest in matters

continental are perverse bulwarks

against lower standards, Europe-

an style. Mike Bolland, whose

company Channel X is planning to bid for Channel 5 with Berlusconi

papers, and more than half the eaders of any title will also read another, mixing serious news with fun and sport.

The huge News of the World, with easily more readers than any other daily or Sunday paper, is read by more than a sixth of the readers of The Sunday Times, The Sunday Telegraph, The Indepen-dent on Sunday, or Observer, more than a lifth of readers of the Mail on Sunday or Sunday Express, or even higher proportions among readers of other titles.

The Sunday Times also proves essential reading for at least one in seven readers of the Mail on Sunday or the Sunday Express, and more than a quarter of Observer, The Sunday Telegraph and The Independent on Sunday

There is, of course, a not unexpected relationship between daily newspapers and their sister Sunday titles. Sixty-five per cent of The Sun readers read the News of the World; 58 per cent of Daily Mirror readers read the Sunday Mirror, 57 per cent of The Times

readers read The Sunday Times; 49 per cent of Daily Mail readers read the Mail on Sunday, 44 per cent of Daily Express readers read the Sunday Express; and 40 per cent of The Independent readers read The Independent on Sunday.

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With no connection other than popular perceptions, 39 per cent of The Guardian readers read the Observer. Yet only a third of The Daily Telegraph readers read The Sunday Telegraph. The uniqueness of the British

newspaper market has therefore not only supported a variety of titles which cater for a range of tastes and readership needs, but this choice and duplication between titles has also generated continuous competition and dev-elopment by publishers only too aware that their readers have a proven willingness to regularly sample the products of their

DAVID BEADLE

The writer is the media development

# 'Info-tainment is the Dutch elm disease of quality TV'

broadcasting issues, except when they want revenge. They treat questions such as media ownership with the same indifference as freedom of speech - as a matter only of concern to professionals. No votes in it.

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This cavalier approach was best seen in Mrs Thatcher's handwritten apploar to Bris handwritten when TV-am last its fact of the control of the cont had not meant the auction to affect it. As time runs out on its franchise, TV-am announced last week it would give up generating Inews to concentrate on sport and entertainment.

British viewers may be forgiven if they do not notice the difference, but the gradual shift away from news and analysis and towards the dreaded word "info-tainment" means that in due course they sertainly will. Focused on celebri-ies, crime and action, it is bright and easy to watch. It is the Dutch elm disease of quality television. and can be seen already both in

America and on the Continent Much was made during the debate on the Broadcasting Act of the danger of the Americanisation of British broadcasting. US ownership of former ITV franchises -

Channel 5 was 'limited' to 50 per cent. No one worried about Europe. Yet as of 1994, continental companies can take over the whole of any former ITV franchise. They can also buy into others and so dominate British television in a way not permitted to UK companies themselves.

The Europeans are already coming: this month at least one of the applicants for Channel 5 will be underwritten by Fininvest, the company of Silvio Berlusconi, one of only four media giants that dominates the continental audiovisual scene.

These giant conglomerates have reaped the whirlwind that hit continental television in the mid-1980s. After decades of state television run by political appointees, cable, satellite, and advertising have thrown continents. television into turmoil. The shock of deregulation and downmarket competition in France, Spain. Italy and Germany, has led to haemorrhaging of viewers, budgets, and confidence in many

established channels. We were spared such turmoil by the way ITV and then Channel 4 slowly expanded. They took on

and the forthcoming new network. " much of the ethos of public service television, while the BBC accepted the challenge to become popular without losing its sense of purpose. Many fear the auction and the impending takeovers by Eurogiants have disturbed this balance. That countries such as France

and Italy, which produce such polished feature films, also make so much crude television remains a European enigma. In France, the country that invented cinema verite, there is only one regular half-hour documentary slot on French television. At a recent European Broadcasting Union arts conference, a dour Italian told me that RAI2 has not made an arts programme in two years.

Not all continental television is rubbish, of course. Heimat and Das Boot were among the best work in recent relevision history. Most continental stations invest more in films for cinema than British broadcasters have done. France's successful cable movie channel, Canal Plus, screens some 300 films each year of which no less than half must be home-made. a huge boost to French cinema. Defenders of change say that

quality television is protected by

being good business. Some Euro-



pean co-productions, such as Traffik, The Manageress, Malcolm Bradbury's satire The Gravy Train, and Eurocops (seen here on C4) ranged from good to respectable. As Roberto Pace, head of the European Co-Production Association, says, they addressed an audience of 25 million Europeans, and aimed at quality. At a time when viewers are fodder for advertisers, a discerning homogeneous group of that size is an important element in the equation.

Roger Graef

VIEWPOINT



here and in the lucrative US. British resistance to subtitles

money, believes his innovative programming plans will not be jeopardised. He argues it would make bad business sense to offer Euro-rubbish to viewers fiercely loyal to British programmes. He cites the fact that of the top 50 shows, only Neighbours (Australian), and Baywatch (US/LWT coproduction) are made abroad. Signor Berlusconi's interest in Channel 5 is as an English production base. He hopes to use our

skills to break into the market both

On paper, quality is protected because any company taking over a former ITV or Channel 5 franchise should abide by the terms of the original owner. But media tycoons play hardball that could make them difficult for the new British commercial television watchdog to control. In Italy, Signor Berlusconi has a parliamentary commission investigating the alleged misuse of his dominant market position there-He is arguing with French regula-

tors to ease their ownership rules and accept his offer to save the bankrupt network La Cinq (of which he already has 25 per cent) by offering still more popular fare.

The danger to British viewers is not just that continental tastes may be different, and that English-speaking products aimed at America may be too bland for our liking. We may find ourselves used to satisfy distant priorities and needs. Signor Berlusconi's French and Spanish stations are losing money, which may be covered by his Italian channels. He is borrowing heavily to expand and may sell broadcast holdings to reduce his debt.

Ironically, despite the ethos of the single market, all the other European Community countries have strict rules limiting invasion by would-be foreign media owners. This blocks UK companies from competing on their turf.

ITV franchise winners such as Central and Meridian say they do not fear the competition, but want a "level playing field" as regards media ownership. They promise that economies of scale gained by expansion both in the UK and abroad would protect their commitment to quality programmes. Meridian, winner of the Southern former ITV franchise, even proposes a quota of original produc-tion for all UK broadcasters to ensure the supply of British tunes. no matter who pays the piper.

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What sort of people are they? "Professional," says Julia Stones of recruitment consultants Crone Corkill. "Adaptable," says Clea Hartsilver, who is on Crone Corkill's books. What it boils down to is that temps must be flexible in the type of work they will accept. be it conference work or routine typing. They cannot say, "I'm a

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Flexibility also means being able to adapt to different personalities and working environments and being ready to travel to the other end of town at the drop of a hat Temps must also possess solid skills. Anybody with a typing speed of less than 60 words a minute, 100 words a minute shorthand and without a familiarity with several word processing systems is not likely to be entrusted with short-notice or emergency assignments. Members of Crone Corkill's team must also have two years' director-level experience.

Secretaries who can be on instant

call find ready work. Beryl Dixon reviews the scope

from companies covering for absence or sickness, or requiring extra help at times of peak work-load, to those who request help on an ad hoc basis or would not normally have a secretary at all, such as authors, freelance or selfemployed individuals, or visiting

business people.

The latter will normally find help through their hotel. Many large hotels in city centres or near airports, such as the London Hilton, employ their own permanent staff to help out on a temporary basis.

"Guests ring the conclerge who then takes them to our business centre and introduces them to the manager," a Hilton spokesman says. "The manager assigns a member of our secretarial team to work for the guest. The job could range from taking dictation to document and report-writing, tak-ing conference minutes or translation.

Hotels which do not find it pays

seek assistance through agencies specialising in short-term assign-

Joan Edwards runs Unique Freelance Secretaries, which specialises in this type of work and gets a lot of short-notice hotel and conference-centre bookings. "I have built up contacts over the years, so porters and concierges know me and the staff I can provide. In the old days, I would send staff to airport hotels by taxi, carrying a typewriter. Now they find word processors there," she

"I also get regular calls from overseas businessmen who come to London perhaps twice a year and base themselves at the company flat. They think nothing of ringing from Heathrow and asking for someone to be at the flat in an hour's time." Because of the speed with which

she is asked to plug gaps, Mrs Edwards is very particular about the calibre of her freelancers. They must have excellent technical skills (speeds of at least 60/100 again) and be extremely well organised.

"I look for the sort of person who gets up in the morning and dresses as though she expects to go to work," Mrs Edwards says. "If a client phones because his PA has flu, I don't want to hear one of my people say, "I can't be ready for an hour and a half. I want them ready in 20 minutes."



Dressed to fill in: Clea Hartsliver can find herself working anywhere at short notice, once attending a royal birthday banquet

CLEA Hartsilver, aged 30, has previous experience at senior level in industry and advertising and has been temping for eight

months. She says: "I decided to try a new recruitment consultancy. I had been warned that they wouldn't even look at you unless you were dressed for work immediately, so I wore a suit. I was interviewed,

just the thing for you, starting tomorrow." Clea was sent to work for Michael Kingshott, the chair-man of Sally Line, and also the chairman of the committee organising the celebrations for the 70th birthday of the Duke of

"I was assigned to help out the

three people who had been organising the event for three months, but this was the final week, when tension was mount-ing, I didn't see Mr Kingshott on my first day, but on the second he told me: 'OK, get yourself a dress because you are coming'.
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Few of the thousands who drive each day up and down Latchmere Road and Queenstown Road to the Albert and Chelsea bridges are aware of its existence. It is so secluded it might be a little walled town, with the railway protecting it from intruders on the north and just one way in from east and west. Recently Wandsworth council has closed off what little through traffic there was by blocking

the eastern approach.

The scale is that of a country town with peaceful tree-lined streets and neat little from gardens, "It's very attractive. There's no chance of people putting in aluminium windows," says Oliver Fisher, of the local

agents. Courtneys. One reason why there has been so little change is that until recently most of the though the Peabody estates Marcus Binney finds a hidden glory nestling in the heart of south London, intact and hardly changed

has been selling steadily in recent years, it maintains a strong presence and has renovated hundreds of houses, keeping to the original materials and detailing. Part of the appeal is to walk

in the neat rows of houses, double-headed gothic porches, short romanesque columns and dog-tooth ornament to the windows. doors with striped red and black heads, bracketed cornices and sills, ram's head doorknockers and cast-iron

window-box holders.

round and spot the variations

Many of the houses have a shield emblazoned with the initials of the Artisans. Labourers and General Dwellings Company, which launched the venture. The founder of the association was William Austin, who could neither read nor write and started life scaring birds at a penny a day. Coming to London, he worked as a navvy until he "took the pledge and prospered".

Enlisting the support of Lord Shaftesbury, he and his colleagues bought up the 42 acres of Poupart's market garden. Their prospectus of 1872 proposes "to erect 1200 houses suited respectively for clerks. artisans and

labourers, in addition to a lecture hall, co-operative store, school-rooms, baths and wash houses". This was temperance country, but the brewers did not neglect to build prominent pubs opposite the streets leading into

Lord Shaftesbury wrote in his diary on the day the foundation stone was laid: "It is a great experiment and a

The scale is that of a country town with peaceful tree-lined streets

doubtful one. Yet after 30 years of thought and trial I see no other way of improving conditions. The people themselves wili do it."

Two years later Disraeli was breathtaken. "Stronger than my sympathy is my surprise at what you have done. I have never in my life

Alas, irregularities were found in the finances and the founders were forced to resign. But Lord Shaftesbury's son, the MP Evelyn Ashley, was brought in. Rents were raised twice in a year, and the proposed pleasure grounds built upon. Remarkably, the venture sped on to comple-

Henry Simmonds in All About Battersea in 1879 records that "work people's town has 1100 houses and 8,000 inhabitants."

John William Stephens, a local historian has looked through the census records, and found, in 1881, "a clerk to the Admiralty, a stonecarver, a domestic servant. lodging house keeper, solici-tor, plumber, gas-fitter, paper stainer, slate labourer, gener-al porter, clerk to the Royal Artillery, butcher, cab driver, schoolteacher, railway worker, many of them born in

From the start, houses were available both for sale and for rent. The purchasing price, £170 and £360 for five to eight room houses, while weekly rents ranged from 6s 6d to £30 a year. If Labour want a new

London, with more housing,

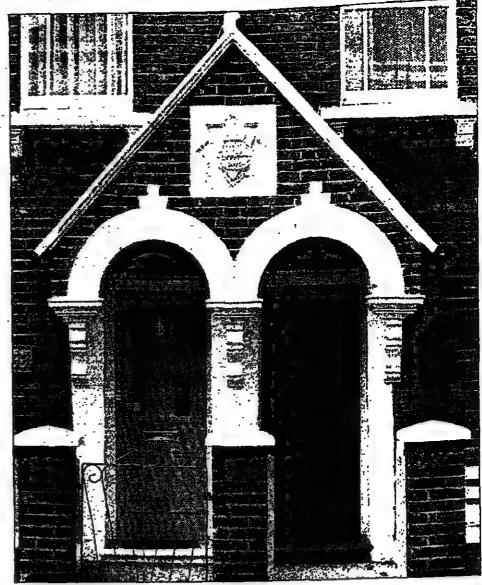
they might follow the inspira-tion of the Shaftesbury estate. The tradition has continued and even today the estate is full of handymen. Although all the Victorian ironwork was ripped out during the second world war, it has been replaced by an astonishing array of neat wooden fences.

The typical internal layout is two-up, two-down. The ground floor often runs through into one large living room. At the back there is usually a double-height extension, including kitchen below and, today, bathroom above. The great game is to try to a third bedroom. Often, the result is rather awkward. The bathroom is approached through the kitchen on the ground floor. Roof additions are largely ruled out, both on account of the low pitches of the roofs and, now, conservation area

There is a steady stream of houses coming up for sale.

Many require extensive modernisation as offers to improve the houses were often it seems rejected because tenants feared rateable values might increase and take them out of rent control.

John Tangney of John D Wood (071 228 0174) says: "Houses in need of modernisation will sell for £90-100,000. Those in good condition reach £120-130,000.



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# **Eyes turn to the new East**

International opportunities for British

companies are being offered this

weekend, Christopher Warman reports

break in the south of the region. This interest was France would be enticing indicated by a European urban at any time, but as an excuse for the embattled commercial property industry to escape the straitjacket of a market in recession it is irresistible:

More than 5.000 property professionals are expected to attend the third Mipim international property market in the Palais des Festivals at Cannes this weekend.

Last year the Gulf war reduced attendance, but for 1992 the number of participating companies for the four days has increased from 1.042 to 1,378, exhibiting companies are up from 241 to 360, and the exhibition area has grown by more than 20 per cent. Among the 28 countries represented, South Korea, Finland, Lithuania, Norway. Romania and Turkey are

there for the first time.

Partly because of Britain's property depression, but largely because of the opportunities, the Mipim market appears to be defying the trends of falling capital values and share prices, reflecting, perhaps, the single European market and the opening-up of Eastern Europe. The former Eastern bloc is playing a greater role at Mipim, and many of the companies from

Britain and elsewhere use the

market to broaden their activities in

development forum hosted by INTA/AIVN, the international new towns association, and supported by Britain's Commission for the New Towns. The forum is intended to encour-

age the use of Western European experience and expertise in improving urban development, management and financing skills in former Eastern bloc countries. The forum will try to match Western European. investment and advisory services with Eastern European urban dev-elopment projects. There will be delegations from Poland, Hungary. Romania. Czechoslovakia and Lithuania.

The Hungarian developer Belvarosi Irodamaz KFT is the first Eastern European exhibitor, and the Treuhand, the privatisation agency in the former East Ger-many, is bringing a portfolio of 10,000 properties that it hopes to market in Europe and the United States. So far 85 per cent of the enquiries for property in eastern Germany have come from within Germany.

Mipim has been the scene for several deals. Rosehaugh Stanhope and the European Bank for Recon-struction and Development first



London at last year's market. The bank eventually moved into the developer's Broadgate scheme.

Also at Mipim, a merger was initiated between the UK agent Chesterton and its French counterpart Soprec. The merged company, Chesterton Soprec, has been ap-pointed by Baltica, the Danish insurance group, to market the office content of its 960,000 sq ft development in Gibraltar.

The joint consultancy is marketing about 370,000 sq ft of space in Europort Gibraltar, which includes eight waterfront blocks due for completion in June. The comple-

tion of the scheme coincides with the introduction of new European Community tax legislation that enhances Gibraltar's present attrac-UK, including developers, agents, bankers, lawyers, architects, local authorities and urban development tive offshore financial status.

corporations. Ian Page, the marketing director of the Black Country Development Corporation, which attended Mipim for the first time last year, Mipim's potential as a catalyst for European deals is revealed by recent research showing that 25 to 30 per cent of leading European companies have relocation or exsays his organisation is increasing its marketing activity multi-nationally. We feel that Mipim Is an ideal platform on which to launch our new initiatives into pension plans at any time. Other than companies moving within their own national boundaries, 25 per cent were going to the UK, providing one reason why so many Europe," he says.

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## Salvation for church

THE 19th-century parish church in Oldbury, West Midlands, has been saved from demolition by a scheme incorporating offices into

the building.
The £750,000 project, funded by the Black Country Development Corporation, the Birmingham Diocesan Board of Finance and Oldbury parochial church council, has transformed the building from a church with a capacity for 1,000 into 6,600 sq ft of offices and a worship area for up to 150 people.

The developers explain the worship area is "more in keeping with the size of Sunday congregations".

Dry rot and other serious structural defects had meant the historic church faced almost certain demolition before the conversion project

#### On the bank

FULL planning permission has been granted for 453,000 sq ft of air-conditioned offices at Hammersmith Embankment, one of the largest developments in west

This office project represents the first and second phases of the 750,000 sq ft scheme by Barclays de Zoete Wedd Property Invest-ment Management on a site with a 300-metre frontage of the River

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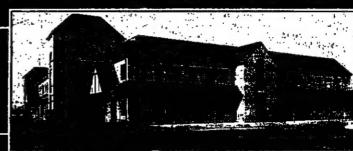
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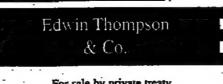
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# No VAT liability on trophies

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Professional Footballers' Association (Enterprises) Ltd

Court of Appeal

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice [Judgment March 3]

Trophies presented to award winners free of charge at the annual awards dinners of the Pro-fessional Footballers' Association was a supply of goods for a consideration included in the price of each dinner ticker. Accordingly, the presenters of the trophies were not liable for valueadded tax on the price of the

The Court of Appeal so stated by a majority (Lord Justice McCowan dissenting) when dismissing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise from Mr Justice Nolan ([1990] STC 742) who had up-Tribunal that the presentation of trophies to award winners organised by the Professional Footballers Association (Enterprises) Ltd constituted a supply of goods for a consideration rather than a supply of goods for no consideration. The commis-sioners were granted leave to

Mr Nigel Pleming for the commissioners; Mr William Mas-

Before Lord Justice Dillon and

A defendant who made a pay-ment into court was not estopped

from asserting that the writ had

The Court of Appeal so held in

dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiff. Anne Marie Towers,

from the decision of Judge David

son, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court on July 19.

1991 allowing the appeal of the defendant, Sheila Morley, from

the order of Mr District Registrar

Butler on Septmeber 7, 1990. The judge ordered the plaintiff's action be dismissed for want of

Mr Simon Gash for the plain

tiff: Mr Richard Swain for the

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

was issued on November 10, 1988, just before the end of the

limitation period. The plaintiff's solicitors had one year thereafter

to effect service of the writ. On December 22, 1988, a copy of the

**Towers v Morley** 

Lord Justice Nourse

(Judgment March 4)

not been duly served.

service of the writ.

said that the Professional Footballers' Association was the professional footballers' trade union and it controlled the com-pany whose main object was to promote the activities of the

On December 9, 1987 the commissioners served on the company a notice of assessment of VAT for £4,942.61 of which £1,547.53 was in respect of trophies. The company challenged

The trophies were presented to award winners chosen by the votes of the association's members at four of the annual awards dinners of the association. The company purchased the trophies and organised the awards dinners. Admission was by ticket limited only to members of the association. Tickets for the 1987 award dinner cost £25 each. inclusive of VAT.

contended that there were two separate supplies, a supply of services to the ticket holders and a separate supply of goods to the award winners, the latter supply award withters, the latter supply being for no consideration. His Lordship accepted that there was a supply of goods to the award winners. The sole question

was whether it was a supply

writ was sent at the request of the defendant's insurers to the insur-

ers for information.
On March 28, 1989 the defendant's solicitors filed an

acknowledgement of service in-

On March 29 the defendant's solicitors made a payment into court and shortly afterwards the

Nothing happened until May 14, 1990 when the plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the defendant's

solicitors indicating that the plaintiff was willing to accept the

payment together with accrued interest. The defendant's solic-

itors then took the point that the action was dead for want of

service of the writ. That was followed by a refusal to permit the

The reason why service was cknowledged, although it had

tiff's solicitors were informed

dicating an intention to def

of both matters.

accepted that there were separate supplies, consideration for each had to be separately identified; since it was impossible to identify what was the consideration for the supply of goods to the award winners, no link could be shown between the ricket price and the

supply.

His Lordship accepted that it was impossible to identify what part of the ticket price was consideration for the supply to the award winners but that did not matter. The question was whether the supply was for no consideration or otherwise than for

If ticket holders were entitled to see awards presented, as they clearly were since that was the purpose of the dinner, then it was ossible to say that the supply of the awards was without consideration, or otherwise than for consideration. By one means or another the

any were obliged, for the price of the tickets, to supply the awards. Whether they purchased them or procured someone else to supply them or had themselves been given them by someone else did not matter.

It was well established that in VAT cases the court should look at the entire transaction and not dissect it into artificial sub-

ments in The Supreme Court

ments in The Supreme Court Practice 1991: First, at the note to Order 22, rule 1(1) where it stated: "A further change in-troduced by the 1979 amend-ment of the rule is to entitle the

defendant to make a payment

into court at any time after service

Second, at the note to Order 22.

rule 1(9) where it stated: "The amendment of para. (1) of this rule by deleting the words after he

has entered an appearance' without replacement of any other time, has the effect that the defendant is emitted to make a

pament into court as soon as he has been served with the writ, and

before or without acknowledging service."

the perfectly general words in Order 22, rule 1 "... any defen-

dant may at any time pay into court a sum of money in satisfac-tion of a cause of action..."

should only apply to any time after the writ had been served on the defendant. If he did not know

the writ had been issued, he might have practical difficulties in find-

His Lordship could not see why

of the writ on him . . . "

Defendant not estopped after payment

The presentation of the awards was, in his Lordship's judgment. not merely an integral part of the function but a vital part of it. Without the presentation the function could not properly be described as an awards dinner. Much was made of the fact that

the ticket holders would not know and could not insist on awards being of a particular kind or for a particular price and might not even know that award winners acquired the property in the trophies rather than merely the right to possess them for a year, and that they were merely entitled to watch the presentation.

Clearly one could not watch a esentation if there was nothing to present. Accordingly the right to watch necessarily involved that awards or trophies would be provided for presentation and then "supplied".

If such was the case, it was, in

his Lordship's judgment, clear that there was a direct link between the ticket price and the supply. It did not matter that the ticket holder did not know the price of the trophies or whether the property would pass. Lord Justice Glidewell agreed with Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice McCowan delivered senting judgment

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise; George Davies & Co,

writ for information, his Lordship

could see no reason why Order 22, rule I should be construed so

as to preclude him from paying money into court before the writ

Nor was it necessary for him to

acknowledge service. The policy was that payments into court should be made the sooner the

better and there was no reason

why the defendant should not be able, once he knew the writ had

been issued, to protect himself from further costs. Nor did a defendant have to

make an application to the court pursuant to Order 12, rule 8A requesting service of the writ within a specified period of not less than 14 days, before making

a payment into court.

His Lordship could not see why it was the duty of the defendant to stimulate the plaintiff into serving the writ and throw away the chance that the dilatoriness of the

plaintiff's advisers would cause the action to be struck out for

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# Valuation maladministration

Halifax Building Society and Others v Edell and Others [Judgment February 28]

A basic valuation made neg-ligently by the employee of a building society amounted to maladministration within Schedule 12, Part III, paragraph 1(d) of the Building Societies Act 1986 thus obliging the Ombudsman under clause 14 of the Building Societies Ombudsman Scheme to investigate and determine complaints made by existing borrowers regarding the valuation of properties to be charged to the building society to secure further arlyance

The Ombudsman was also obliged to investigate such com-plaints where a house buyer's report and valuation was negligently prepared by the employee for the purpose of further ad-vances since that was a breach of the society's contractual obliga-tion within Schedule 12, Part III, paragraph 1(a) of the 1986 Act. Further, there was no relevant distinction between the provision of a structural survey at the request of a borrower for a further advance and the provision of a house buyer's report in the same

Mr Justice Morrin so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on the summons of the Halifax Building Society, the Woolwich Building Society, the Leeds Permanent Building Society. ety and the Alliance and Leicester Building Society.

The defendants were: Stephen Bristow Edell, the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombuds-man Scheme recognised under Part IX of the 1986 Acr. Robert Allen, Christine Allen, Jeffrey Leonard Brommage, Heather Maureen Brommage, Laurence Frederick West, Christa West, Joseph Paul Hardcastle and Astrid Marie Hardeastle.

The second to ninth defendants were persons who had complained to the Ombudsman that valuations and reports made in respect of further loans to them were carried out negligently by employees of the various plain-tiffs. None of those defendants appeared at the hearing but all the arguments available to them ere put by counsel for the

Mr Simon Berry, QC and Mr John McGhee for the building societies, Mr Timothy Lloyd, QC and Ms Katherine McQuail for

MR JUSTICE MORRITT said that section 83(1) of the 1986 Act conferred on an individual the right to have a complaint about certain actions taken by the

the jurisdiction and duty to investigate conferred and imposed on him by the scheme enabled and required him to investigate and determine complaints in relation to valuations made by employees of a building society of properties to be charged to the building society to secure further advances to an existing borrower from that society. The plaintiffs claimed that he had no such

jurisdiction. There were three types of valuation which might be made: 1 The basic valuation required to enable the society to assess the adequacy of the security offered pursuant to section 13 of the 1986 Act; 2 A house or flat buyer's report and valuation; 3 A full structural survey. All valuations were made for existing borrowers of the

society in question.
The basic valuation There were three conditions to be satisfied: Was a negligently prepared report by an employee of the society action by the society. was it in relation to the grant or refusal of an advance and did it constitute maladministration within Schedule 12. Part III, paragraph 1(d) of the 1986 Act emitting the Ombudsman to investigate it under clause 14 of the Building Societies Ombudsman

Having answered the first two questions in the affirmative his Lordship said that the crucial question was whether, if the basic valuation was produced by an employee of a building society, any failure to exercise due care and skill could constitute maladministration within paragraph 1(d). The answer depended on ascertaining in the context of the 1986 Act as a whole what was the administration referred to; other

It was clear from Schedule 12 that the relevant maladministration, and hence administration.

whole but only in those spheres of their activity falling within the prescribed matters of complaint. Those spheres were financial and commercial. The administration in question had to be the

procedure by which the building societies' business was conducted within those spheres. In the case of the grant of a further advance, those procedures included all the steps necessary to ssess the adequacy of the security offered for an advance. That required ensuring that there was

a basic valuation and considering its contents. If the borrowing

member did not produce a basic

valuation, then the society had to procure one itself. Thus, in his Lordship's judg-ment, the administration of the society's business in the field of making advances included, if necessary, obtaining a basic aluation from, if it so chose, one of its employees.

If it chose to get one from one of tion of that report was as much a part of the administration of the society's business in the field of making advances as was consideration of the report by the assessor required by section

The fact that it was not an essential part of the process of granting an advance in all cases that a basic valuation should be supplied by an employee of the society, did not mean that where the basic valuation was supplied by an employee its provision was not part of the process of admin-

It was true that that conclusion might appear anomalous in that the right conferred on a borrowing member by section 83(1) of the 1986 Act was confined to cases where the basic valuation was produced by an employee of the society. But anomalies were

ditions to be satisfied on the basic valuation, one further point arose in the case of a house or flat buyer's report. That was whether a report prepared by an employee valuer without due care and skill was a breach of contract by the society so as to constitute a ground of complaint within Schedule 12, Part III, paragraph

His Lordship held that it was. There was a contract between the society and the borrower that the society would procure a house buyer's report either through its own employee or at the society's option through an independent

If it chose an independent valuer, then there was no separate contract between the valuer and the borrower, the society's obligation being confined to using care in the selection of the valuer.

The valuer did the work pursuant to his contract of employment and the society provided the report to the borrower pursuant to the contract between them. In the latter case, but not the former, the society was responsible if the report was not made with due care and skill by its employee.

Structural surveys
His Lordship did not see any
relevant distinction between the provisions of a structural survey at the request of a borrower applying for a further advance and the provision of a house buyer's report in the same circumstances. An analysis of the contractual relationship produced the same result and the same

Accordingly, a complaint about a negligent structural survey could be investigated by the Ombudsman as long as it was done by an employee of a building society and was part of an applica-tion for a further advance. Church Adams

## Protection for complainant

Regina v C

Before Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy [Judgment March 2]

A defendant charged with rape and other sexual offences was a person "charged with a rape offence" within the meaning of section 2 of the Sexual Offences section 2 of the Sexual Offerices (Amendment) Act 1976 and accordingly the complainant in the case was entitled to the protection afforded by section 2(1) against evidence being adduced or questions asked in crossexamination about any sexual experience with a person other

That meant that, on an applica tion under section 2(2) to in-troduce such evidence, the trial judge had to take into account not only the rape offence or offences charged in the indicament but also any additional counts and their subject-matter and consider what would be fair or unfair to the defendant when deciding what scope should be permitted to his counsel in cross-examination of the complainant.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal against convictions of two offences of rape and one of buggery.

ment, concurrent on each count. Mr Christopher Bedingfield, QC and Mr Julian Shaw, as-signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr P. M. Farmer for the Crown.

WATERHOUSE said that it was clear on the plain intepretation of the words of the statute that the trial judge had to act in ac-cordance with the provisions of section 2 of the 1976 Act. There had been no unfairness

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not taken place, was that the defendant's solicitors assumed said that the action arose out of a personal injury which happened on November 26, 1985. The writ that without the acknowledgment of service, it was not possible to make a payment into court. That was a misreading of Order 22, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme

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1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (80633)

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1.50 Racing: Cheltenham National Hunt Pestival. Julian Wilson introduces the second day's line-up: (2.15) Sun Alliance Novices

introduces the second day's line-up: (2.15) Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle; (2.50) Queen Mother Champion Chase; (3.20) Coral Golden Hurdle. Continues on BBC2 at 3.55 (s) (99545351)

3.50 Children's BBC: Caterpillar Trail. Stuart Bradley explores the Norfolk Broads (r) (5422695) 4.05 Fiddley Foodle Bird. Cartoon (s) (4865256) 4.15 Against the Storm. Haluk Bäginer reads Gaye Hicyimaz's story for Jackanory (s) (5024053) 4.30 New Yogi Bear Show. Cartoon (r) (8626169) 4.35 Bucky O'Hare. Animated space adventures (372558) 5.00 Newsround (3739366) 5.10 A Likely Lad. Fourth in a six-part children's drama. (Ceefax) (s) (2729237)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (981430). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines (411). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
(r). (Ceefax)

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 7.00 Wogan. Among Terry's guests are the actress Jessica Tandy and her actor husband Hume Cronyn, who starred in Coccon (s) (9782)
 7.30 Tomorrow's World. The science magazine programme reports on attempts to eradicate the blood-sucking barbelro, or barber, insect which has brought disease and death to millions of people in South Amorica (Castra) (a) (2025)

which has brought disease and death to millions of people in South America. (Ceefax) (s) (695)

8.00 Only Foots and Horses: The Sky's the Limit. Comedy with the wheeler-dealing Trotter household. Rodney hits the bottle. With David Jeson and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r). (Ceefax) (884091)

8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (748053)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional News and weather (1121)

and weather (1121) 9.30 The Budget John Smith, the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, gives his response to yesterday's Budget (133633)



Courage in the face of adversity: the Brotherton family (9.40pm)

9.40 QED: When it Happens to You O QED: When it Happens to You

■ CHOICE: An extended edition of QED departs from the usual jocular tone of the series to present a moving study of a family coping with the approach of premature death. Chris Brotherton, a feshion photographer, was 46 when he was told that the brain turnour first diagnosed 12 years before was incurable. Malcolm Brinkworth's film follows Chris through the lest months of his life. We see his own candid response to his condition and effects on his wife and ten-year-old son. The footage is often intimate and no effective made in hids the nain and distress. But the film westerned to the pain and distress. But the film westerned to the pain and distress. But the film westerned to the pain and distress. attempt is made to hide the pain and distress. But the film was made because the family thought it might help others in a similar position. What emerges is the enormous courage of all concerned and praise for the contribution of the hospice movement in helping people to come to terms with terminal lilness. (Ceefax) (219985)

people to come to terms with terminal lifness. (Caetax) (219885)
10.35 Films Roe v Wade (1989). Topicsi drama based on a true story in which a woman challenged the Texas anti-abortion laws and brought her case before the American Supreme Court. Sterring Holly Hunter. Directed by Gregory Hobit (s) (73482188)
12.10am Second Chance. A profile of unemployed Gordon Scobble who took an adult education course. (Caetax) (8722831)
12.25 Racing: Cheltenhum National Hunt Festival. Highlights (s) (8718638) 12.45 Weather (8861170) 12.50 Close (2324763)
2.00 The Way Aheed (r) (6702763). Ends at 2.15

## BBC 2

6.45 Open University. Technology: Eurekaargh! (8947614). Ends at 8.00 News (9684614) 8.15 Westminster (8744782)

9.00 Daytime on Two: Tutorial Topics (4937879) 9.10 Christianity in Today's World (r) (s) (1632782) 9.30 Diez Temas (4946343) 9.45 You and Me (4941898) 10.00 Thinkabout Science (r) (s) (9174324) You and Me (4941898) 10.00 Trinkabout Science (r) (s) (9174324) 10.15 Search Out Science (8494188) 10.35 O and A (r) (6399782) 10.40 Around Scotland (6992275) 11.00 Words and Pictures (9143324) 11.15 English Time (3069459) 11.35 Teaching Today (3341445) 12.05 TV6 (s) (5374701) 12.30 Lifeschool (r) (6184817) 12.55 Méxica Vivo (r) (6336256) 1.20 Pigeon Street (r) (71119140) 1.35 King Rollo (r) (68455362) 1.40 Zig Zag (r) (31222625) 2.00 News and weather (74235546) followed by You and Me (r)

(56788091) 2.15 in the Making: Puppeteer. John Wright of the Little Angel Theatre in Islington, London, writes and produces puppet plays (r)

(32970324) 2.35 Country File presented by John Craven (r) (6015508)
2.00 News and weather (3544324) followed by Westminster Live with Vivan White (6393492) 3.50 News and weather. Regional news

tenham National Hunt Festival. Julian Wilson 3.55 Racing: Che introduces further coverage. (4.05) Sun Alliance Chase (s)

4.30 Catchword, Paul Cois hosts the word quiz (s) (508) 5.00 Holiday Outings. Bill Buckley reports from Goa in southern India (r)

(3791506)
5.10 Horizon: The Strange Life and Death of Dr Turing. Profile of the scientist who invented the computer and committed suicide in 1954, aged 41 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9096614)
6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation — Captain's Holiday. Picard

(Patrick Stewart) searches for a missing weapon from the 27th century. (Ceefax) (774169) 8.50 Def It: Reportage — Saving the Planet. Aminatta Forna asks how the current generation can save the Earth from ecological disaster (107833) 7.40 Rapido. Antoine de Caunes presents K Minogue, the Beastle Boys and Ronnie Jordan, and previous Shakespears Sister's new album (393072)



A bumpy ride on the Falklands shuttle: Al Haig (8.10pm)

8.10 Timewatch: Woolly Al Walks the Kitty Back CHOICE: The attempts of Alexander Haig, the United States secretary of state, to prevent the Falldands war are recreated in enthralling detail by the team responsible for last year's outstanding documentary, The Second Russian Revolution. As in that series, the narrative is composed largely of the first-hand accounts of leading participants. Help had promised President Reagan that "we'll walk this kitty back". But when he went to see Heagan triat "We'll walk this kitty back". But when he went to see Mrs. Thatcher she pointed him to portraits of Nelson and Wellington, lectured him on Chamberlein's self-out at Munich and called his proposals "woolly". With the Task Porce atready on the way to the Falidanda, and neither side prepared to budge, Haig's shuttle diplomacy was probably doomed from the start. The episode is still instructive, revealing splits in the United States administration and a conviction in the Argentine junta that Britain would never fight (1988) 17).

would never fight (88817)

9.00 Film: Malcohn (1986). An officest award-winning Australian comedy thritier starring Colin Friels as Malcolm, a reterded young man and mechanical genius, who turns to crime. Directed by Nedia

Tess (52/0140)
10.25 The Budget. A statement by John Smith, the Shadow Chancelor of the Exchequer (431072)
10.35 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Parman (401324)
11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media programme (104169)
12.00 Weather (7380744)
12.05ara Open University. Lifestyles, Work and the Family (9390314).

Ends at 1.00

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#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3550633) 9.25 Schools (54947343)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Update from Westminster (78237)
12.30 Business Daily. News from the Stock Exchange (20188) 12.3u Business Daily. News from the Stock Exchange (20188)
1.00 Sesame Street with Tyne Daly from Cagney and Lacey (18343)
2.00 Film: All Through the Night (1942, b/w). Entertaining second world war comedy thriller in which gambler Humphrey Bogart stalks German spies in New York. With Peter Lorre and Conrad Veldt. Directed by Vincent Sherman (2343)
4.00 Sheet Streeter Streeters In the Exempt. A young feetble is included.

4.00 Short Stories: Stranger in the Family. A young family is involved in a car accident (r) (492)

4.30 Countdown. Word game presented by Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman (s) (904) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah's guests reveal incredible stories about life and death (4543237)

5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures (r) (457324)
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6.00 Kate and Affic: Working Women. Comedy with the New York divorcess. Starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin. (Teletext)

6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Music and conversation (121)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (527633)
7.50 Party Political Comment by a Liberal Democrat (703695)
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s) (1140)
8.30 Food File: Save Your Baccon. The second in a senes of eight 8.30 Food File: Save Your Baccon. Smith and Amanda Ursell report programmes on food issues. Drew Smith and Amanda Ursell report on the progress of the Dutton family from Worthing who have swapped their fry-ups for a more healthy Mediterranean-style diel.

(Teletext) (s) (3575) 9.00 Dispatches ● CHOICE. Tonight's report from Scotland asserts that the future ● CHOICE: Tonight's report from Scotland asserts that the future of the United Kingdom is about to become an election issue for the first time in 70 years. Recent opinion polls have shown overwhelming majorities for the Scots running their own affairs, whether through devolution or complete independence. The film reveals that this popular support is now strongly underpinned by Scotland's business and professional classes. Leaders of commerce, the law and the church appear on the programme to advocate some sort of break with London and their views are backed by a new ecademic model showing that a separate Scotland would be economically viable. Cynics might say that Conservative support in Scotland is so low that the party has little to lose from going against the nationalist tide (721879)

to lose from going against the nationalist tide (721879)

9.45 Letters from St Perensburg: American Smile. The fourth of six programmes reports on a course for Russian women that gives advice on how to acquire foreign husbands (105850)

10.00 The Golden Girls: End of the Curse. Sharp-witted American

The Golden Cares: Erro of the Casar.

comedy series about four Miami matrons. Blanche (Rue McClanehan) thinks she is pregnant (r). (Teletext) (79965) 10.30 The Jack Dee Show. More humour with the dead With music from Des'ree and Ian Shaw (s) (88614)



Old master: Joseph Heller examines Rembrandt (11.00pm) 11.00 Catch Five: Joseph Heller and Rembrandt. Joseph Heller examines the perially destroyed painting, The Anatomy Lesson of

examines the partially destroyed painting, The Anatomy Lessot of Doctor Van Deyman (968879)

11.05 Drop the Dead Donkey. Contemporary television newsroom cornedy. Sally (Victoria Wicks) discovers raligion (r) (s) (456459)

11.35 Tight Trousers. Metin Huseyin's short drama about a couple's magical night out. With Vas Blackwood and Eddie Osei (r) (s) (561430) 12.25am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (1430251)

12.50 Dick Spanner. Puppet detective series (4721293). Ends at 1.00

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she returns to her home town (10400)
12.00 Serenade (1956): Musical (64121)
2.00pm Cold Filter (1952: Tearrage adventures in the wildeness (94701)
4.00 Flunning Mates (1990): Love story set in the political area (51017275)
5.40 Entertainment Torright (414443)
6.00 Beyond The Stars (1999): A boy warris to be an estronaut (51237)
8.00 The Twilight Munders (1991): With Michael Gross and Rod Stager (55792)
10.00 Communion (1966): A wither meets

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2.15pm The Hollywood Detective (1985): Tely Sevelae as a detective actor who gets involved in a real case (963557) Telly Sevelae as a defective actor who gets involved in a real case (983527).

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5.50 Spotlight (933817).

6,15 The Guye (1890): Tregl-comedy with James Wood and John Lithgow (859121).

8,15 A Soldler's Tale (1988): Wartime love story (2898504).

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12.10em Do The Fight Thing (1989): Drame in a pizzeria, directed by Spites Lea (19702541)
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10.00 Communion (1956): A writer meets apace alters (20121)
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1.30am Graveyard Shift 2 (1958): Variable movie (4150367)
2.55 Made in L.A. (1980): Crime thriller (5150364)
4.25 When You Remember Me (1990): Hospital weepie (2332314). To 5.55
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• CHOICE: John Sterne's

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6,00 TV-am (3552091) 9,25 Lucky Ledders. Lennie Bennett hosts the word game (s)

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10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion (s) (6501091)
10.40 This Morning. Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan present the daily magazine programme. Including at 10.55 ITN News headlines, and at 11.55 Thames News (4370508)
12.10 Alsorts. Entertainment for children (s) (9273966)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (7652508) 1.10 Thames News (77015411)
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63695527)

2.20 Graham Kerr prepares a low-fat, high-fibre Indian dish of

succotash (46923343)
2.50 Take the High Road (6023527) 3.15 ITN News headlines (3554701) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3551614)
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama (8932966)
3.65 Children's ITV: The Dreemstone. Certoon. (Oracle) (s) (4538966)
4.20 Finders Keepers. Game show (6554527) 4.50 Owl TV.

wildlife and environmental series (3859365)
5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the teenage quiz (8629256)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weether (136053) 5.55 Thernes Help with Jackie Spreckley (1) (459782)
6.00 Home and Away (1). (Oracle) (527)
6.30 Thernes News. (Oracle) (879)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel gives a potted biography of another unsuspecting celebrity (s) (4850)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (661)

Deathly hush: Gwen Taylor comforts Anna Massey (8.00pm)

6.00 Imspector Morais: Happy Families. The Oxford-based detective investigates the murder of a business tycoon at his country mansion. Starting John Thaw, Kevin Whately, Anna Massey and Gwen Taylor. (Oracle) (s) (6782)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Julia Somerville. (Oracle)

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Weather (71324) 10.30 Thames News (122661)

10.40 Budget '92. John Smith, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer,
responds to yesterday's Budget (336121)

10.50 Thames Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Football:
Manchester United v Middlesbrough in the second leg of the
Rumbelows Cup semi-final, and highlights from the Barclays
League; Boding: Nicky Piper v Ron Amundson from Cardiff
(120804)

12.00 Visions reports from Moscow, Scotland and Northern Ireland on the religious inspiration behind contemporary issues (r) (49676) 12.30am Film: Queen of the Roed (1985). Fast-paced Australia

2.15 America's Top Ten (s) (15299)
2.45 Videotsablon: Power Undressing. The Madonna-inspired fad for wearing lingerie as outerweer (6842926)
3.16 Quiz Night, Ted Robbins presents the pub and club team quiz (37607676)

3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. Tonight, pets that bite, with clips

4.10 Along the Cotawold Way. Cive Gunnell travels from Cooper's Hill to Leckhampton (29363003)

4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newereel (36360725)

5.00 Witness to Survival. Two true stories about people who struggled travels in content the color of the cooper's Hill to the co

to survive against the odds (95926) 5.30 ITN Moming News with Tim Nellson (40305). Ends at 6.00

comedy adventure starring Joanne Samuel as a schoolteacher who inherits a 40-ton truck. Directed by Bruce Best (522299)

Michaela Strachan presents the final programme in the children's wildlife and environmental series (5858966)

1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (63695527) 1.50 A Country Practice (s) (96829527)

6.55em Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Beethoven (Overture, Egmont); Bach (Concerto in A mittor for four harpsichords, BWV 1065)

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert cont

7.35 Monting Concert cont:
Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody
No 1); Poulenc (Un soir de
neige); Sibelius (The Swan of
Tuonela); Janéček (Taras
Bulba)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Arthur Honegger, Dona noble
pecam (Marche funébre;
French National Radio under
Darius Milhaud; Prelude, La
Tempôte: Czech PO under Tempête: Czech PO under Serge Baudo; Cantique de Pâques: French National Ra Children's Chorus and

Children's Chorus and Onchestre under Jacques Jouineau); Symphony No 3, Liturgique: Berlin PO under Karajan : Midweek Cholce, with Susan Sharpe: J Strauss (son), arr Schulz-Evier. Arabeaques on themes from the Blue Danube Waltz, Handel: Emma Kirkty and Judith Nelson. Sontands. wallz, raspec crista varuty and Judith Nelson, sopranos, with Susan Sheppard, cello, and Christopher Hogwood, harpsichord, perform Quel flor che all'alba ride; Derek

che all'alba ride; Derek
Bourgeois: City of London
Wind Ensemble under
Geoffrey Brand, with Christian
Lindberg, trombone, play
Concerto, Op 114b; Handel:
No, di voi non va fidermi;
Stariford: Plano Concerto No 2
in C minor, Op 126; VillaLobos: Quartet for flute, harp,
celeste, albo saxophone and
women's volces; Mañaud: Le
Boeuf sur le toit: Puccini: Te Boeuf sur le toit; Puccini: Te Deum, Tosca, Act 1 Deum, Tosce, Act 1
1.50 BBC Concert Orchestra
under David Coleman, with
Philip Mertin, piano, plays Rolf
Liebermann (Swiss Folk-song
Suite); Hindentith (Symphonic
Metamorphosis on themes by
Weber); Walton (Overture,
Tambi Lies Metamorphosis in themes by

Touch Her Soft Lips, Henry V; Sinfonia Concertante; Spittire Prelude and Fugue) (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Concert Hall: Susan Milan, flute, and lan Brown, piano, perform Franz Doppler (Hungarian Pastoral Fantasy); Philippe Gaubert (Suite); Prokofiev (Sonata in D. Op 94) 2.08 Record Review (r)

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1926 Gioconda, the 1934
Lobangain and the aria she is probably beet remembered for, "In questa regla" from Turandor. There are also extracts from her BBC radio interviews, including one in 1988 in which she looked back at helf a century of opera nights. nights
4.86 Choral Evensong, Sve from Peterborough Cathedral
5.00 The Reveyes of Morocco:
Donald Macleod presents new

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Donald Macleod presents new recordings of the sung poems
7.00 Matrity for Pleasare, with Peter Paul Nash
7.05 Third Ear: Discussion chaired by David Roper
7.30 BBC 90 in Beetford under Alexander Lazarev, with Dong Suk Keng, violin: Tchaikovsky (Fantissy Overlute; Hamlet); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in Aminor); Rachmaninov (Sympionry No 3)
9.00 The Gang That Fell Apart: Anthony Howard traces the story of the Social Democrat party (3 of 3) (r)
9.45 Rousset: in the first of two programmes, Artis van Wijk, soprano, Ruud van der Meer, beritone, and Rudolf Jansen and Frens van Ruth, jeands, perform Jazz dans la nuit; Qustre Poèmes, Op 3; Rustiques; Deux Poèmes Chinois, Op 12; Deux poèmes Chinois, Op 35

Chinois, Op 35 10.30 Music in Our Time; Paragon Ensemble under David Davies performs Thomas Wilson, Chamber Symphony, James MacMillar: The Exorcism of Rio Sumpul

11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week:
Thomas Talia (Sencte Deus,
sencia fortis; Mass for four
voices; Solfaing Song; if Ye
Love Me; Hear the voice and
prayer; Videte miraculum;
Honor, virtus et potestas) (r)
1.00 Night School

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#### RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shipping Forecast 8.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
8.25 Prayer for the Day 8.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 6.45 Business News
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.40
Yesterday in Parlisment 8.55
Weather 9.00 News
9.05 Money Box Budget Calt: 071505 Money Box Budget Calt: 07150411. Louise Bothing,
Vincent Duggleby, Christopher
Gächrist and Philip Hardman
discuss yesterday's Budget
proposals (lines open from
8am)
10.00-10.30am The Trade Rag (FM
only): Church Times

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• CHOICE: Of how many tabloids can it be said that its readers, in rented holiday accommodation, are not the sort who would pinch the spoors? John Whale, editor of the Church Times, advances the claim in Nick Beker's latest trade publication anatomy. The assumption is that only nice people read the Church Times. Among the describes a politican's response to Jesus's teaching 7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r) 8.30 Medicine Now (r) 8.30 Insported Diamonds: The Church limes. Among the exceptions, presumably, is the Anglican curate who thinks that it is the most boring paper ever. He prefers the Catholic Herald with its recing

tips. The peculiar quality of this venerable tabloid is implied by Bach organ music being threaded through Baker's tribute to it (a) 10.00 News; Daily Service (LW orthogonal Control of the control of t only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only) Issiah. Read by David Neal (15 of 16) 10.30 Woman's Hour examines the

underclasses in modern fiction; and includes features on careful of most of marriages and a new treatment for Alzhelmer's disease, incl 11.00 Nows 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from Manchester (r) 12.00 News, You and Yours, with Debbie Thrower

12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick

Human chairs the political quiz (e) 12.55 Weather 1.00 News; The World at One 1.46 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; My Uncle Freddie Alex Ferguson's second

trilogy set in Jerrow in the 1930s (s) 2.47 The Black Heart: Paul Hyland recalls his travels up the River Congo, Inspired by Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* (1

Conrad's Heart of Darkness (1 of 4) (r)
3.00 File on 4 (r)
3.42 Profile: A radio portrait of Philips Schofield
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the week's new film releases; talks to Paul Shrader about his latest film, Light Sleeper; reports on Cardiff's animation lestiva; and talks to the actress Jessica Tandy and the soprano Felicity Lott (s)
4.45 Short Story: Black Country Farm, by Elizabeth Jolley. Read by Mary Wimbush
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather

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9.30 Immortal Diamonds: The Unbelieving Believer. Rosemary Hartill explores the poetry of Thomas Hardy (s) 9.00 CHIF's Country Ways: Cliff Michelmore examines the coexistence of beauty and hard work in the country (s) hard work in the country (s)

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9.30 Kaleidoscope (a) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (a) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News; The World Tonight with Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.35 The Budget: John Smith, the Snadow Chancelor, makes a statement on behalf of the Labour party

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: A Girl in Winter, by Philip Larkin (3 of 5)

11.00 End of a Line: Village Blacksmith, Paul Heiney meets Hector Moore, a meeter blacksmith whose traditional way of life may soon be coming to an end (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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